

# Portishead Down Steering Committee

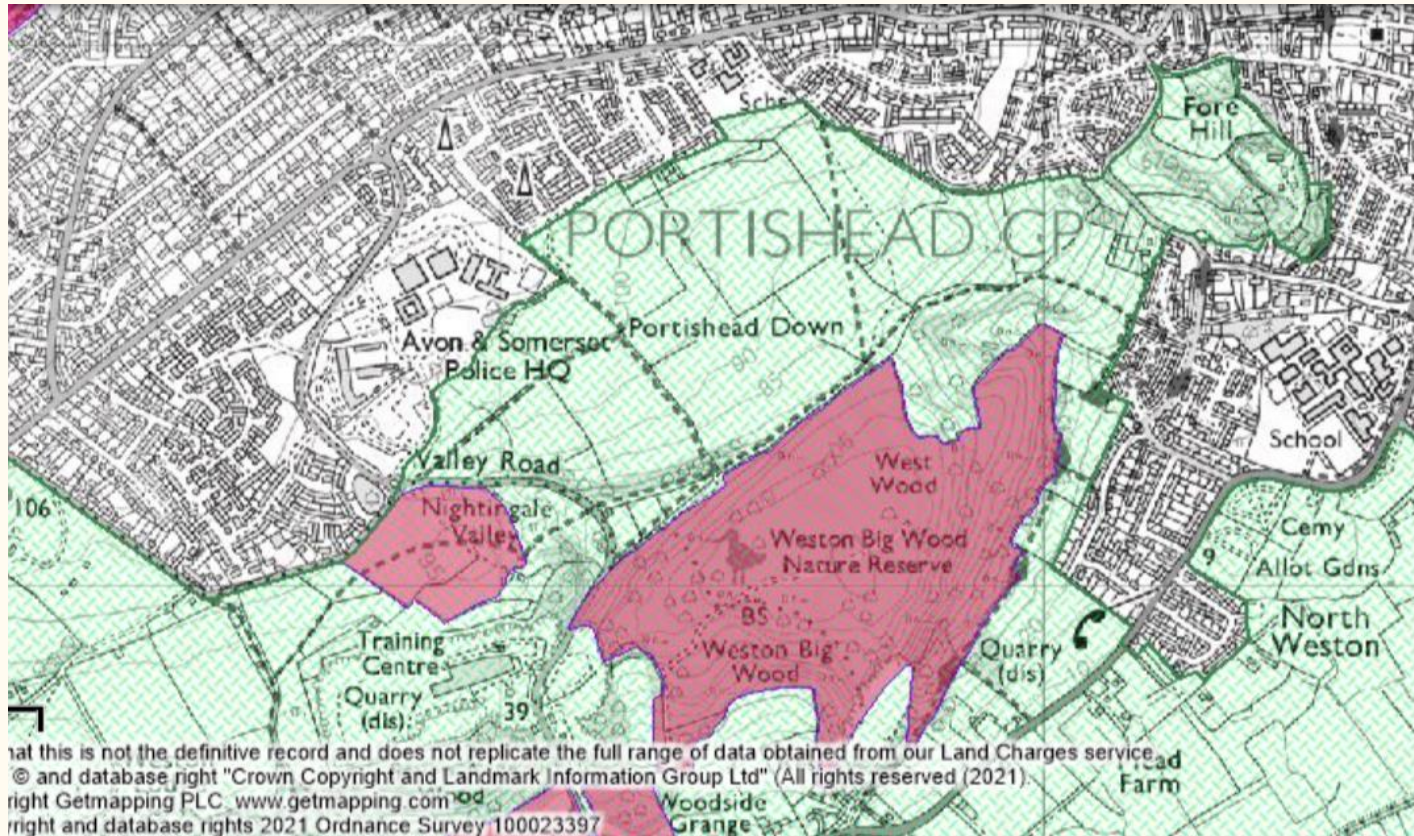
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# Where is Portishead Down



Key:  
Green = Green Belt  
Red = Sites of  
Special Scientific  
Interest (SSSI)

Source <http://map.n-somerset.gov.uk/dan/de.html>

# PDSC: Who we are and what do we want?

- We are a group of residents who live close to Portishead Down
- We would like to preserve the natural beauty and diverse wildlife of the Down and the ancient woodland, Weston Big Wood
- The woods and footpaths are heavily used by the population of Portishead. This can be observed every day, but the strength of feeling in the community on this was clear from recent demonstrations (circa 700 people)
- Both the Down and wood are under threat due to proposed development under a “call for sites”
- We want to raise awareness of the threat within the community and encourage the community to join together to protect the area - before it is too late
- We would also like to see the area of Weston Big Wood and the Downs gently enhanced to be even more accessible to the local community

# Enhancement of the area

Expansion of Weston Big Wood so it can better handle the number of visitors it gets

An all accessible footpath around the wood

An all accessible Cycle/Footpath down to Gordano School and the town

Mountain Bike route around the wood

Classroom facilities for School / Scouts&Guides / Forest School



# Community Support

