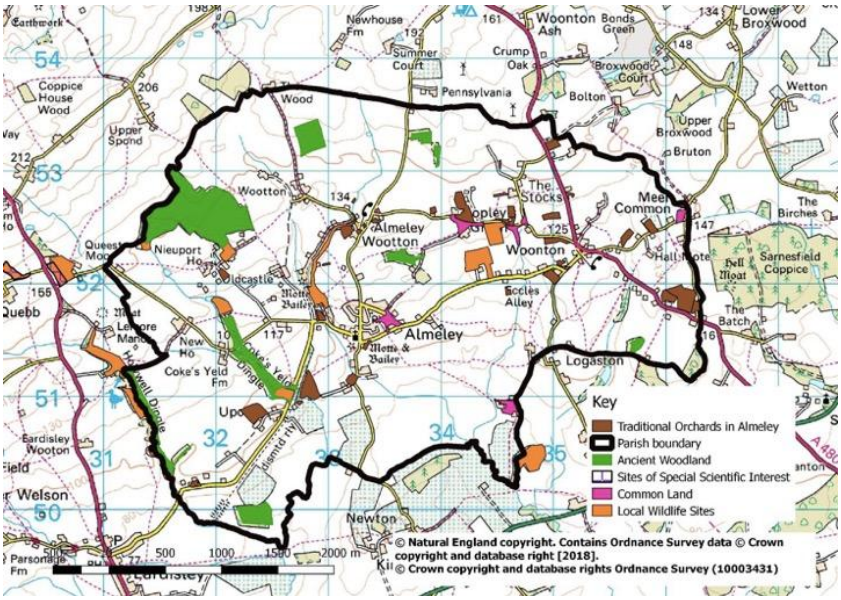
Green Group Report to the Parish Council Meeting 1st March 2023

Summary from Green Group Meeting 7th February 2023 - Village Hall

1. Focus Topic – Local Wildlife Sites

Presentation on the Local Wildlife Sites Project by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
There are in total 749 Local Wildlife Sites in Herefordshire alone! The current project has been seeking to establish what proportion still meet the necessary levels of biodiversity to retain the designation. Over the last year HWT and Herefordshire Meadows have surveyed some 92 sites and designated 30 new ones. Most of the new ones are grassland (species rich) which are the most in danger across the county.
The following map of Almeley from 2018 shows the ones in our parish.



2. Meer Pond –working parties

Two small working parties have continued bramble clearing. There is now much better visibility of the pond which is currently still full.



3. **Thermal Imaging Project**

A team of 7 volunteers have surveyed 12 properties using the thermal camera. Two people went to do each survey and written reports were done and shared to the home owners. These were followed up with offers of materials to improve draft proofing. There are some additional materials available for any other group members who could use them - secondary glazing film, radiator reflectors, under door draught excluders, door and window sealing strips, and letter box covers.

4. Citizen Science Project

It was proposed that we start some monitoring of the water quality of the waterways in the parish, particularly the stream that runs through The Batch. We will contact Friends of the Upper Wye for advice on how to start this.

5. Warm Space Summary

The warm space continued weekly throughout all of January and February. There was an average attendance of about 20 and it was really appreciated by many who attended as a way of meeting up and keeping in touch. The last session was Monday 27th February.

6. Date & venue for Next Meeting – 7th March 5pm, Village Hall