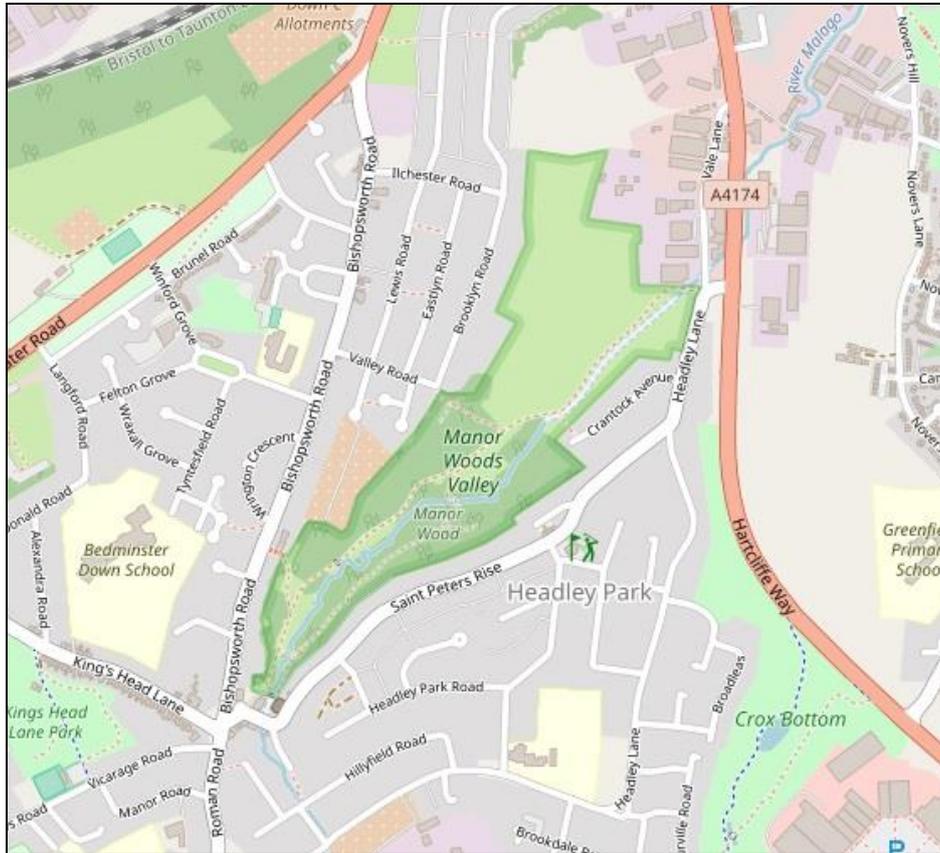


# INTRODUCTION

Manor Woods Valley is the name given to a linear greenspace, more or less surrounded by built development, that extends from Bishopsworth Road at its southwest end to Vale Lane at its northeast end. It is largely sandwiched between Brooklyn Road and St Peter's Rise on its northwest and southeast long edges respectively. The site is owned by Bristol City Council (BCC). 21.5ha



The area defined as Manor Woods Valley for the purpose of this history

Since its establishment, the area now officially referred to as Manor Woods Valley has been known to its local users, typically children, by a number of other names, including; The Brook, The Malago Valley, The Malago, Malago Bottom, Down the Brook, Headley Park Woods and The Valley. The formal name was not adopted until 1996, when Manor Woods (Valley) gained precedence over the name Malago Vale Open Space, the latter of which was proposed by Bristol City Council.

Until it was surrounded by development shortly after the Second World War, the area was mainly farmland, with some industrial development, in the form of brick and tile works, at its northeast end. Manor Woods Valley now consists of amenity grassland, wildflower meadows, various types of woodland, extensive areas of Bramble dominated scrub and the middle stretch of the Malago.

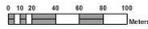
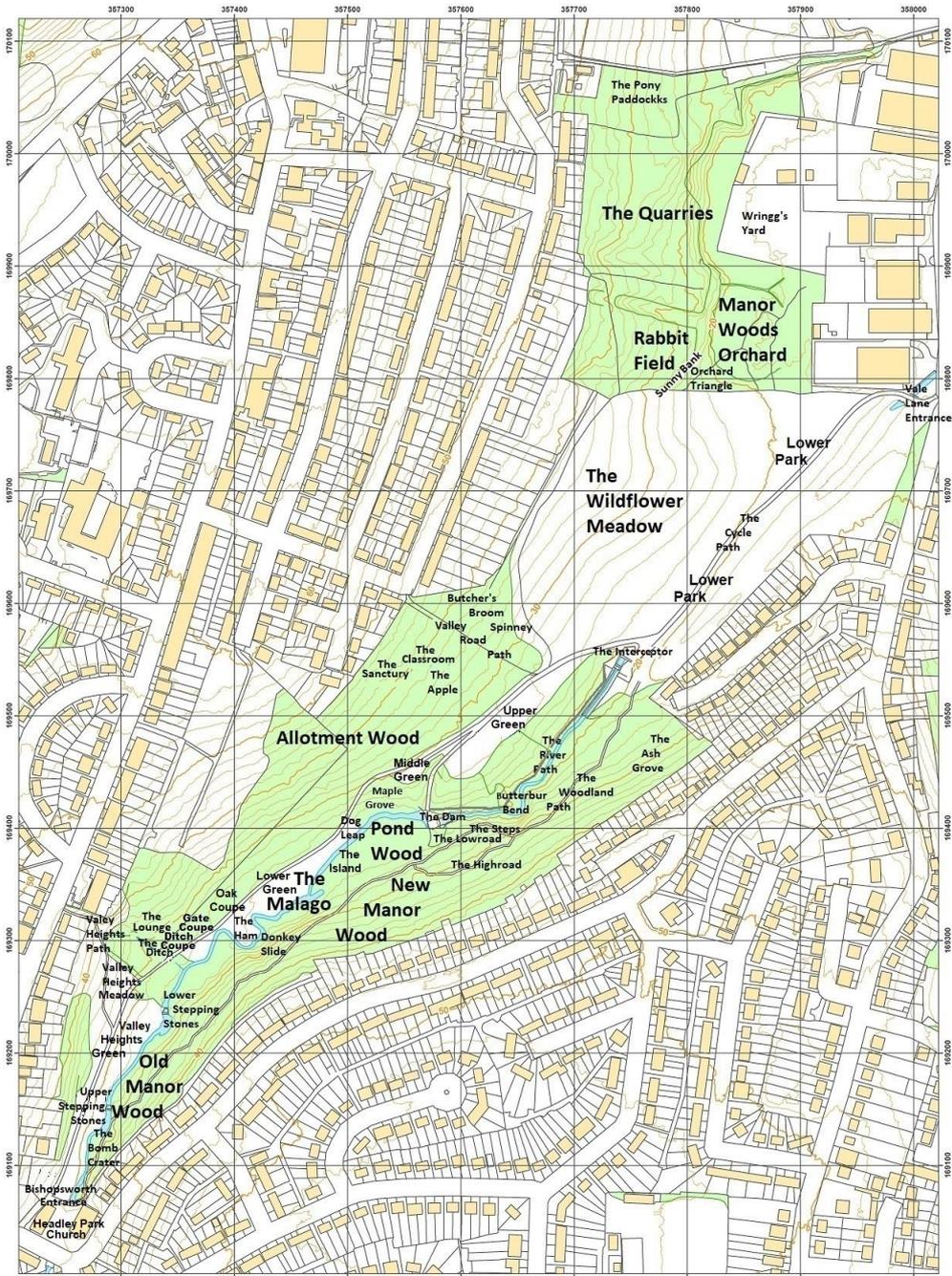


Manor Woods Valley parkland and wildflower meadow

Manor Woods Valley is popular with a number of user groups, the most obvious being dog-walkers, who's charges take the opportunity to walk, run, play and swim, in a semi-natural setting. The well-made path through the length of the site connects Bishopsworth and other communities to the south, with the Malago Greenway, and ultimately Bristol city to the north. The path is very popular with cyclists and commuters. The area is also used by schools, community-based groups and others seeking open-air exercise, and learning and foraging opportunities. Despite the close proximity of housing and the presence of other users it is easy to find solitude in less well explored areas.

Wildlife abounds in Manor Woods Valley. The many and varied habitats produce foraging and breeding opportunities for a wide range of species, from fish to birds that feed on them, and from dragonflies to Badgers.

In order to help identify areas for management, the Manor Woods Valley Working Group undertook a naming exercise for locations within Manor Woods Valley. These reflected names used already used and known within the local community, and novel names to described areas not already individually identified.



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Gate Coupe

Ditch Coupe

Names given to locations within Manor Woods Valley