

## CONSERVATION AREA DESCRIPTION:

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### **ALLINGTON** (Designated 21 February 2002)

Allington remains a small village, linear in form, along a narrow winding rural lane running northwards from the A420. The buildings consist mainly of detached, larger dwellings among the farmsteads. There are 14 listed buildings in Allington, of these Bolehyde Manor is Listed Grade II. The core of Allington village, although quite dispersed, retains a cohesive sense of



historic and architectural character which it is desirable to preserve and enhance. An attractive shallow valley exists on the west side of the lane between Allington House and Bolehyde Manor. A small stream springs from the top of the valley and flows through the village. A ridge of higher ground runs along the top of the valley forming a natural and logical edge to the western side of the village. There are picturesque views across this valley between The Pitts Cottages and Bolehyde Mannor.

The Allington Conservation Area was first designated in December 1998, encompassing the majority of the settlement and fields between the farms and houses. The original boundary was quite tightly drawn around the historic buildings of the settlement which are loosely dispersed along the lane, thus recognising the importance of the open spaces between the buildings to the character of the Conservation Area. The boundary was extended in 2002 to include the remainder of the settlement to the south as far as the A420 Bristol Road, land to the south of Hardenhuish Brook and the head of the small valley between Bolehyde Manor and the Pitts cottages. These elements represent the lane through the settlement, the brook and the landscape between properties, all of which are key elements of the character of Allington.