

Ground maintenance: draft specification

Contract 1 Grasscutting		
Current contract is for	Grass cutting sports ground (includes the playing field, playground, and outdoor gym).	
Frequency	See Item 1 (area described as Recreation Ground)	
Our residents survey said	Between March and October, every 2 weeks, dependent on grass growth.	
	77% of people want the grass to be cut regularly	
	40% of people want the grass cut to a reasonable length all the time (27% do not)	
	Over half (57%) of people would like to see a border around the playing field that is left uncut all the time.	
Please consider if you want to change anything in this part of the contract	Keep the same specification?	
	Add another area? (see possible changes and notes)	
	The same frequency?	
Possible changes	Collect grass clippings after cutting the recreation ground	
	Leave a wide border along the western side of the playing field. This could be left uncut or planted as a wildflower border.	
	Include these additional areas for cutting:	
Space number	Location (see Item 2)	Ownership
1	Trelawny Road Community Garden	Menheniot Parish Council
2	Junction East Road/Hartmeade	Cornwall Council
3	Junction East Road/William Laundry Close	Cornwall Council
4	Holy Well/Bowling Green	Menheniot Parish Council
5	Bowling Green	Cornwall Council

6	Rear of Tennis Court	Menheniot Parish Council*
7	Fourgates	Cornwall Council
Space number	Location (see Item 3)	Ownership
8	Lower Clicker Close	Cornwall Housing
Notes	Menheniot Green has offered to plant out and maintain a wildflower bed along the western side of the playing field.	

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Contract 2 Strimming	
Current contract is for	Strimming Mine Hill bank Holy Well and Fourgates (see Item 4)
Frequency	Every 7-8 weeks between March and October. One annual pruning of the bushes in the autumn.
Our residents survey said	Almost half of people (49%) of people do not want to see Mine Hill managed and tidy all year. Over three-quarters (79%) of people would like some areas set aside for wilding at Mine Hill Just over half (51%) of people would like the area around Fourgates maintained Almost two-thirds (63%) of people would like some areas at Fourgates set aside for wilding.
Please consider if you want to change anything in this part of the contract	Keep the same specification? Add another area? (see possible changes and notes) The same frequency?
Possible changes	Only trim the areas that might need cutting for safety reasons. Set aside areas at Fourgates for wilding (this would need consent from CC who own the land) Set aside the area around the Holy Well for managed cultivation (the parish council owns this land)
Notes	Since November 2020, Mine Hill bank has not been strimmed because a local resident has volunteered to plant out and maintain the area as a wildflower garden. They are willing to continue maintaining this area. I have written to the Phoenix Group (former WI), Menheniot Gardening Club and the allotments holders to ask if they are interested in taking on the Village Green and Holy Well – no replies received yet.

Contract 2 Hedge-cutting

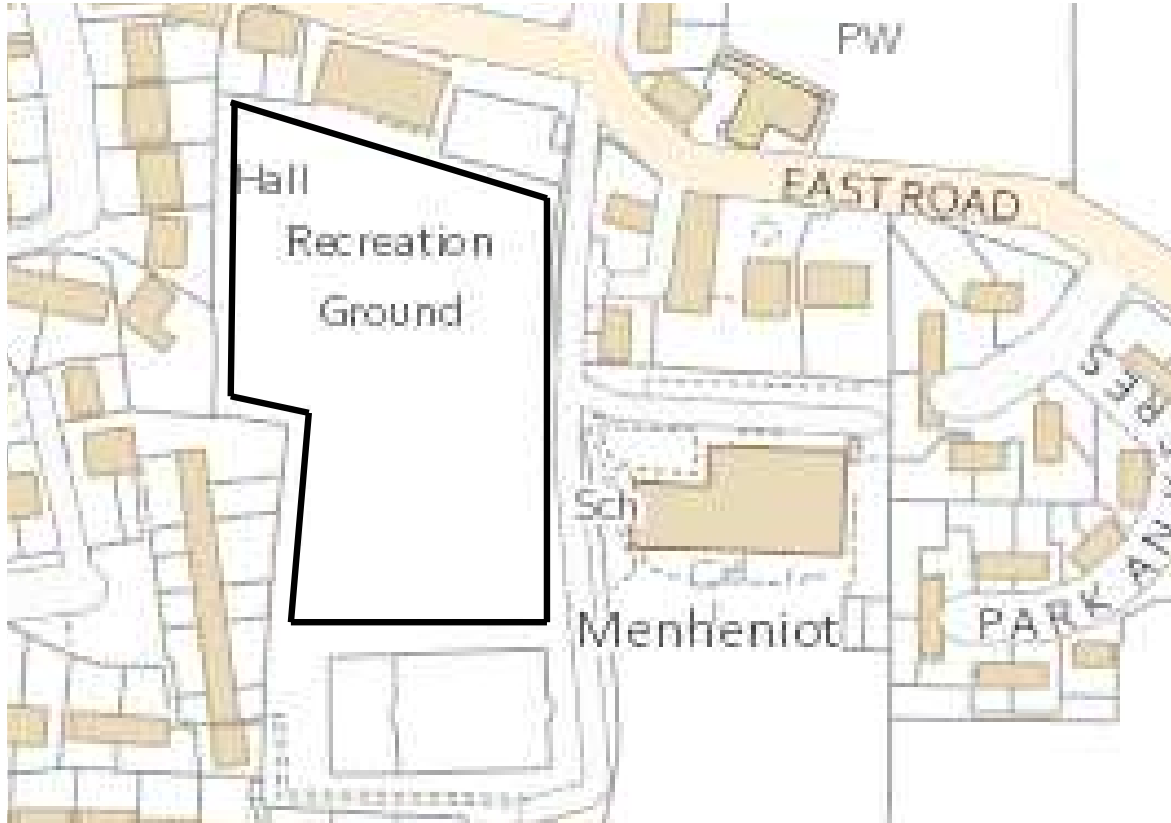
Current contract is for	Hedge adjoining field and the rear of Bowling Green, Menheniot Typical frequency: one annual cut between March and October. (see Item 5)
Frequency	Every 7-8 weeks between March and October. One annual pruning of the bushes in the autumn.
Our residents survey said	The greatest number of people (40%) would prefer to see all hedges cut back and maintained to 4'. Almost as many (34%) do not want to see hedges cut to this height. Over one quarter (26%) have no opinion.
Please consider if you want to change anything in this part of the contract	Keep the same specification? The same frequency?
Possible changes	Discontinue this part of the contract and use local contractor if the proposed arrangement with residents does not sustain.
Notes	The parish council has recently paid to have the current area cut down to a height of 4' on the understanding the residents will maintain the hedge at this height themselves.

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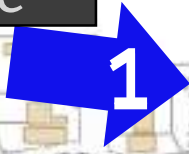
Contract 3 Weed management	
Current contract is for	Weed spraying using glyphosate in these areas: Menheniot (Item 6) Merrymeet (Item 7) Lower Clicker (Item 8)
Frequency	2 sprays between March and October
Our residents survey said	Over half of people (52%) want to see weeds removed Almost three-quarters (73%) of people want to see weeds controlled in public spaces Just over half (53%) of people would support whatever method works best to remove weeds. Almost one half of people (44%) think we should not be using herbicides. Just over three-quarters (76%) of people think the council should use alternative methods of controlling weeds (that is, should not be using glyphosate).
Please consider if you want to change anything in this part of the contract	Keep the same specification and continue using glyphosate Consider alternative methods
Possible changes	Include the paths in the community garden on Trelawny Road Ask contractors to bid for glyphosate AND hot foam AND mechanical methods of weed management.
Notes	We have received offers of volunteering from two residents who are willing to remove weeds in their immediate area.

Item 1

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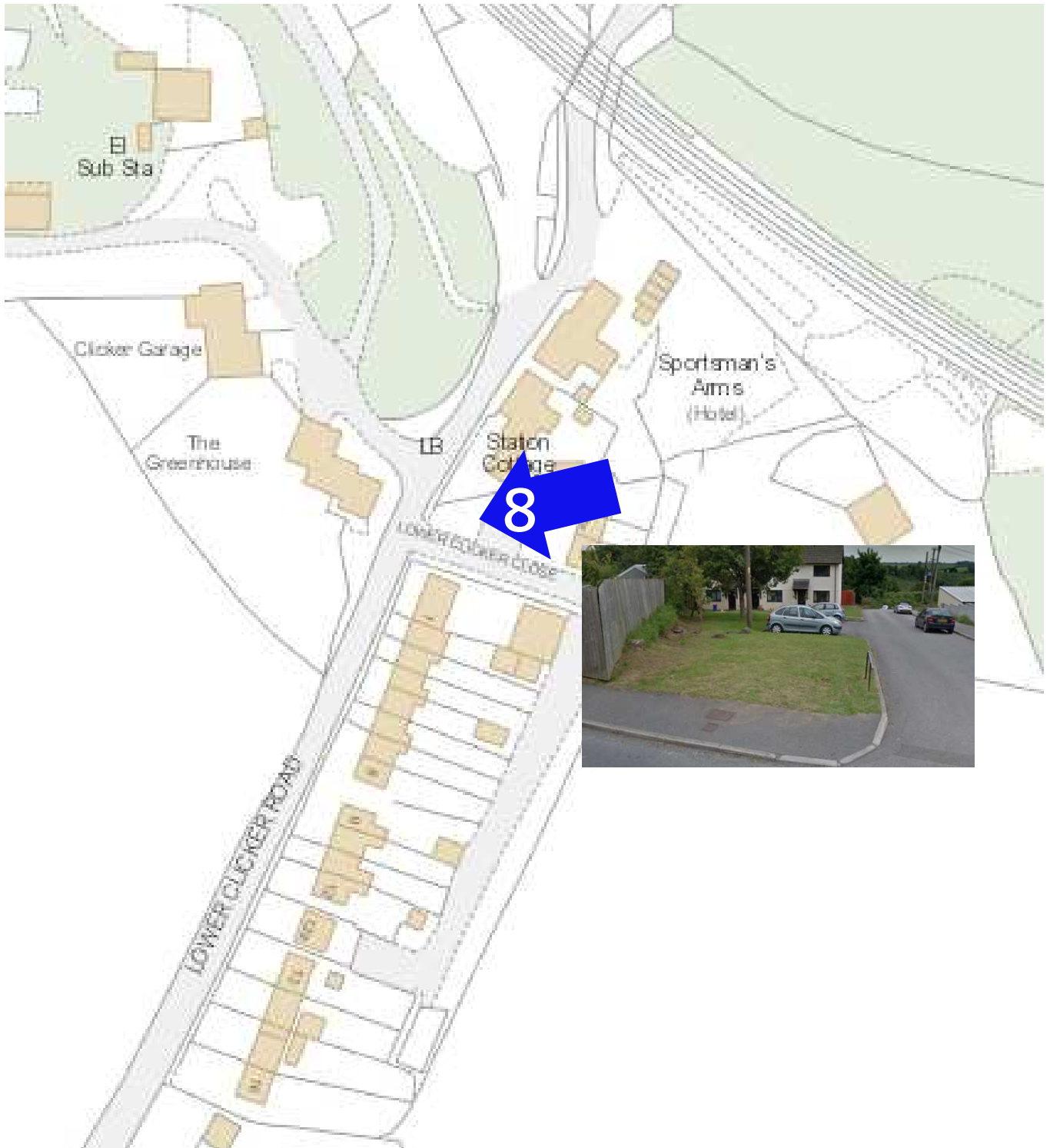
Item 2 Menheniot Village



East Down Bar

Item 3

Lower Clicker grass



Item 4

Mine Hill & Holy Well



Looking up Mine Hill (left hand)
from East Road



Looking down Mine Hill (hedge on left)
from junction with Trelawny Road

Holy Well (at junction of East Road and Bowling Green)



Item 5

Menheniot Hedges

Rach Richardson Jewellery

Menheniot Village Hall

East Rd

East Rd

Wearage Cl

Hedge NOT TO BE CUT.

Bowling Green

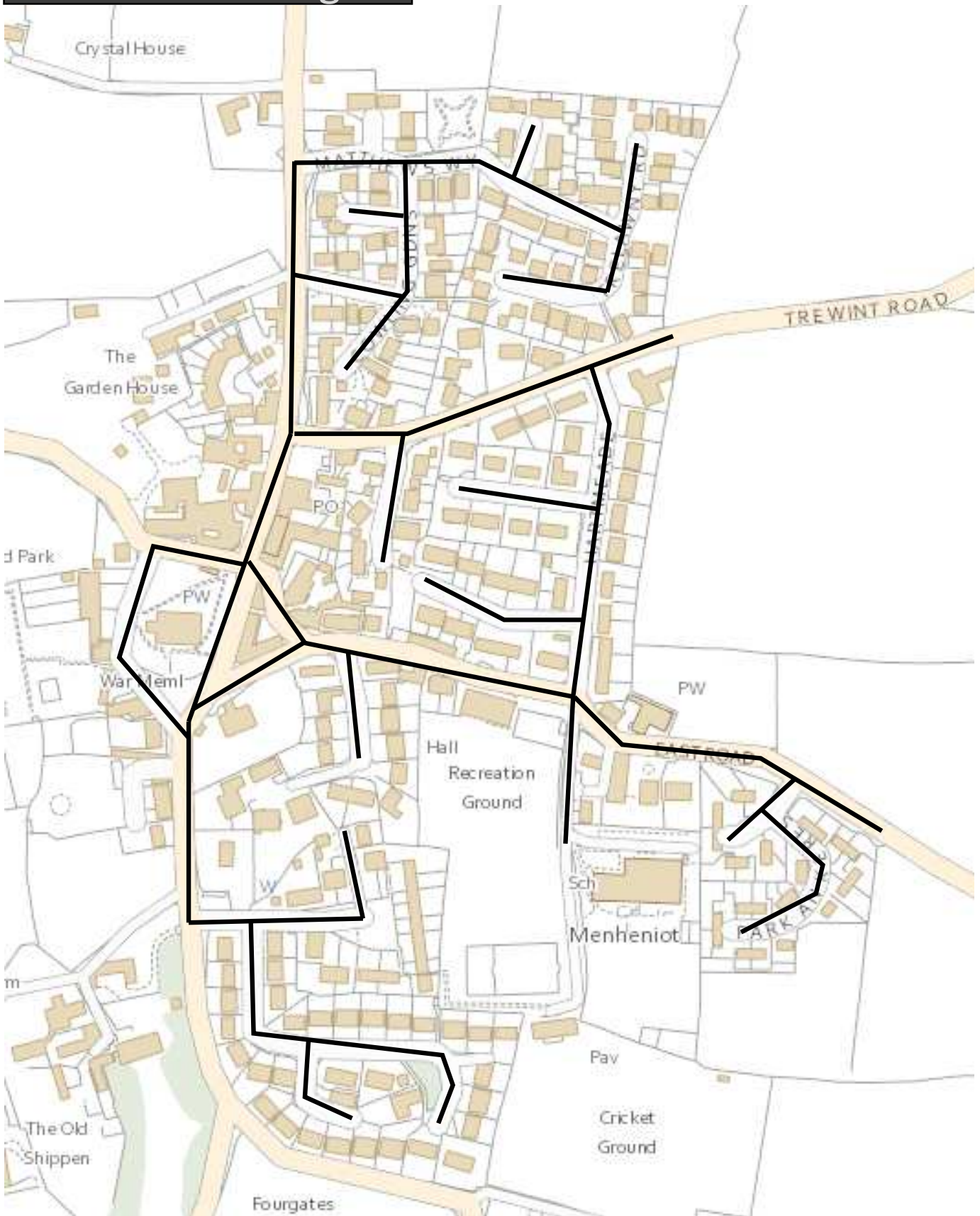
Hedge to be cut to 4 foot

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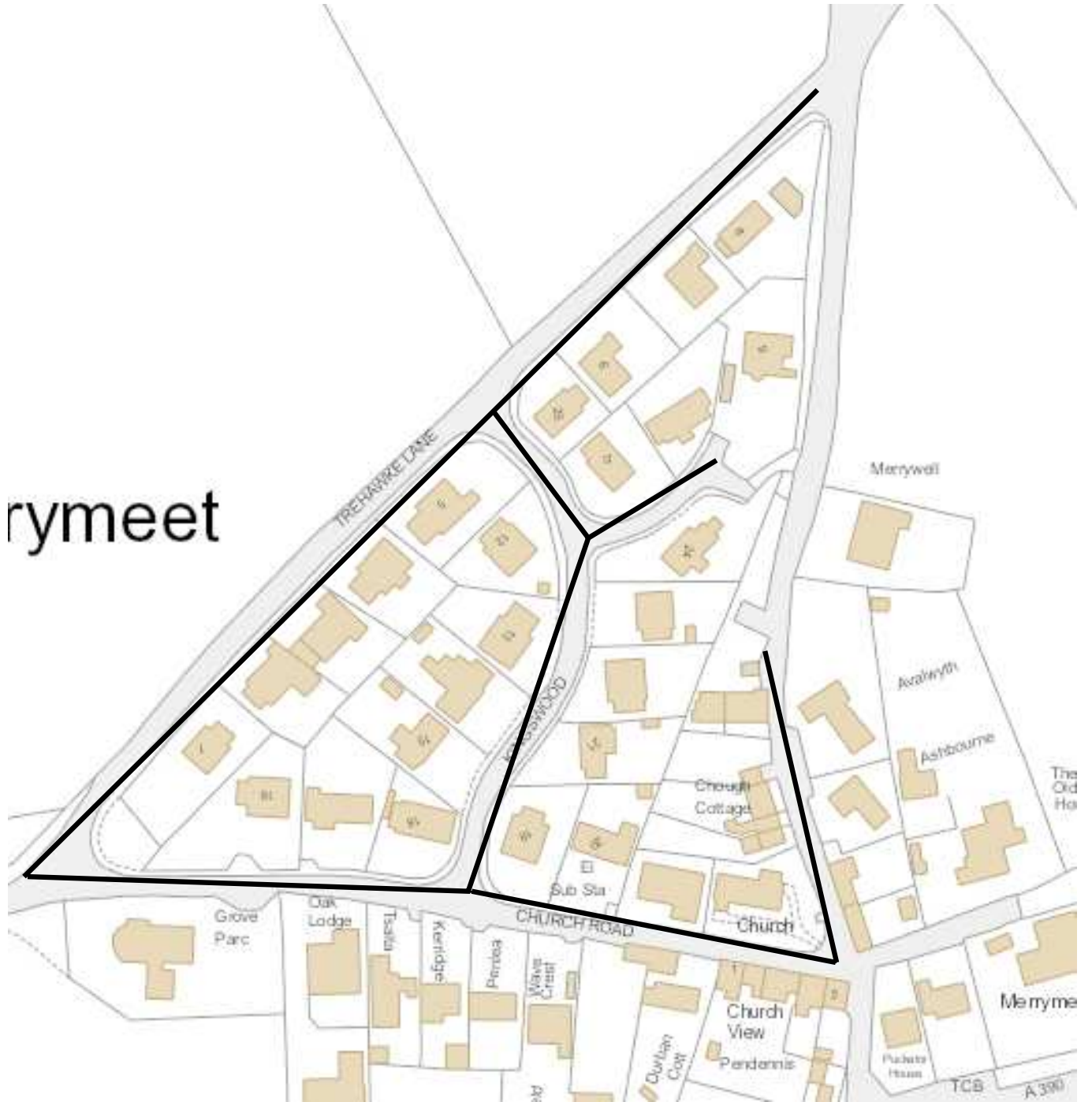
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Item 6

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Item 7
Merrymeet



Merrymeet

Item 8

Lower Clicker

