

## Turnpike Field Recreation Area.



Audlem village owns this 11.5-acre parcel of land adjacent to Green Lane, the Shropshire Union Canal and Shropshire Street. Its name stems back from the historical tollhouse that existed at the junction of Green Lane and Whitchurch Road. The public footpath along its southern end is one of the oldest in Audlem and was actively used in the 19th century as a route to Audlem Station.

The area has only recently become the property of the village and so there are ongoing plans to improve it for community use, for example, installing a green car park at its northern end as well as other ideas to enhance its recreational capabilities.

### **Pedestrian Access**

Currently there are three access points:

- a gated pedestrian access close to the canal bridge on Shropshire Street
- at each end of the public footpath that crosses the southern end of the area:
  - off Green Lane next to Grey's Bridge
  - the stile at Lock 11 south of the village

At present these access points are NOT wheelchair friendly - planning permission is being sought to hopefully change this.

The area is essentially un-cultivated pasture and has two streams crossing it. All visitors should take care and wear appropriate footwear. Visitors should also be aware that in rainy conditions the south western end, towards Green Lane, becomes quite boggy, so additional caution needs to be taken there and along the stream beds.

Please show consideration to other users and remove all refuse and dog waste - the village and the canal have a variety of refuse bins for this purpose.