



High Weald AONB  
Landscape Character:  
Geology, landform, water  
systems & climate

# Benenden Parish

**Key**

- Water - ponds, reservoirs etc. (G1)
- Watercourses (G1)
- Sandstone outcrops (G2)
- Area of parish outside the High Weald AONB for which data is not displayed or not available (NB: only applicable where parishes straddle the AONB boundary)
- High Weald AONB boundary

**Summary Character Description:**  
The High Weald AONB is characterised by a deeply incised, ridged and faulted landform of clays and sandstone. The ridges tend east-west, and from them spring numerous gill streams that form the headwaters of rivers. Wide river valleys dominate the eastern part of the AONB. The landform and water systems are subject to, and influence, a local variant of the British sub-oceanic climate.

**Management Plan Objectives**  
*G1 Objective: To restore the natural function of river catchments.*  
*G2 Objective: To protect the sandstone outcrops and other important geological features of the AONB.*  
*G3 Objective: Climatic conditions and rates of change which support continued conservation and enhancement of the High Weald's value landscape and habitats.*

For further info please refer to the High Weald AONB Management Plan, which may be downloaded from our website (see address below).

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