






# High Weald AONB Character Components

## Field & Heath

## Penhurst Parish

### Key

-  High Weald AONB Boundary
-  Parish Boundaries
-  Heathland
-  Known Wildflower Meadows
-  Historic Field Boundaries
-  Medieval Field Systems
-  Other Field Systems

### Summary Character Description:

The High Weald AONB is characterised by small, irregularly shaped and productive fields often bounded by (and forming a mosaic with) hedgerows and small woodlands, and typically used for livestock grazing; small holdings; and a non-dominant agriculture; within which can be found distinctive zones of heaths and inned river valleys.

*NB: Other field systems are likely to contain medieval and earlier features. All information is provisional. Data has been collected for strategic purposes and individual site based assessments are recommended.*

### Management Plan Objectives

*FH1 Objective: To secure agriculturally productive use for the fields of the High Weald, especially for local markets, as part of sustainable land management.*

*FH2 Objective: To maintain the pattern of small irregularly shaped fields bounded by hedgerows and woodland.*

*FH3 Objective: To enhance the ecological function of field and heath as part of the complex mosaic of High Weald habitats.*

*FH4 Objective: To protect the archaeology and historic assets of field and heath.*

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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