



High Weald AONB  
Character Components

**Field & Heath**

**Whatlington 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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