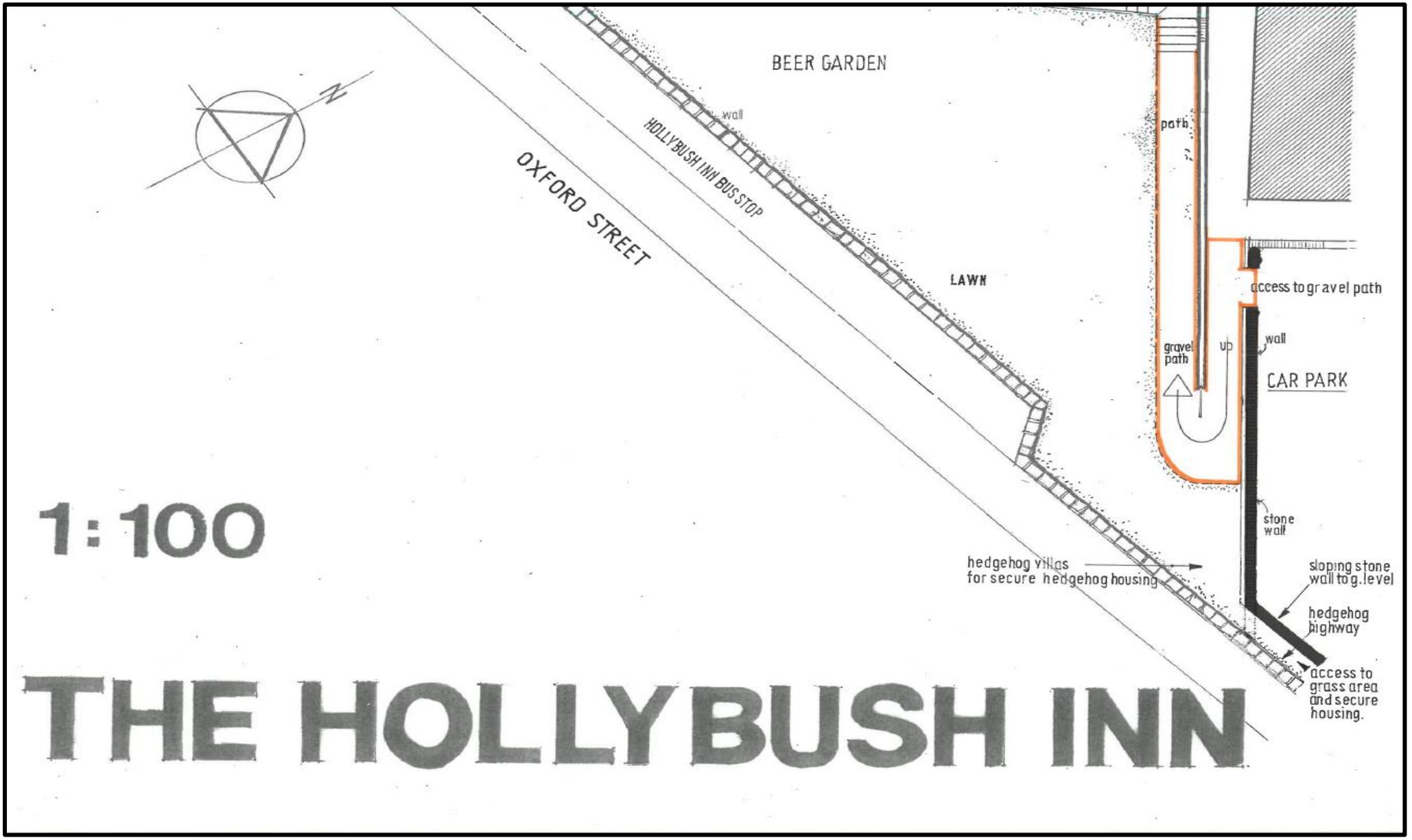
Projection and Hedgehog Highway Plan



Projection of planned sandstone retaining wall and ground gradient reduced so good vegetation growth can become established with the gentler slope being turfed. Please note that a Hawthorn Hedge is recommended along the boundary / retaining wall for Oxford Street. This would then provide habitat and protection for hedgehogs transiting between properties. We will also be installing our hedgehog house further up the bank in a secluded location.


BEER GARDEN
wall
HOLLYBUSH INN BUS STOP
OXFORD STREET
LAWN
path
access to gravel path
gravel path
up
wall
CAR PARK
stone wall
hedgehog villas for secure hedgehog housing
sloping stone wall to g.level
hedgehog highway
access to grass area and secure housing.
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THE HOLLYBUSH INN

Devon Live 21st October 2025.

UK public issued plea as hedgehog numbers drop from 30 million to one million. There are now fewer than one million hedgehogs in the UK - a steep decline from the 30 million in the 1950s.

By Charlotte Smith Senior Lifestyle Content Editor

Families are being encouraged to assist hedgehogs in building essential fat reserves and providing a safe haven for them this autumn before they hibernate. Ecologists from Arbtech.co.uk have offered six straightforward methods that households can follow to safeguard this much-adored, vulnerable species.



It's estimated that fewer than one million hedgehogs remain in the UK today - a stark drop from the 30 million that were around in the 1950s. A recent survey carried out by Arbtech revealed that 48 per cent of Brits haven't spotted a hedgehog in the wild in the past five years.

Hedgehogs are considered a vulnerable species, facing threats such as habitat destruction, road accidents, and exposure to pesticides. However, recent reports do suggest some encouraging signs of recovery in urban populations, although rural numbers continue to see a dramatic decline.





As autumn is in full swing and winter is on the horizon, hedgehogs will be focusing on increasing their food consumption and constructing a nest in the coming weeks. The hibernation period can be extremely challenging once it arrives.

The mammals may find themselves at risk of freezing, predation, and even starvation if they fail to accumulate enough fat reserves. Small, simple actions - like offering additional food or setting up a safe feeding area in the form of a 'hedgehog cafe' - can make a big difference in helping hedgehogs to survive, reports the Daily Record.

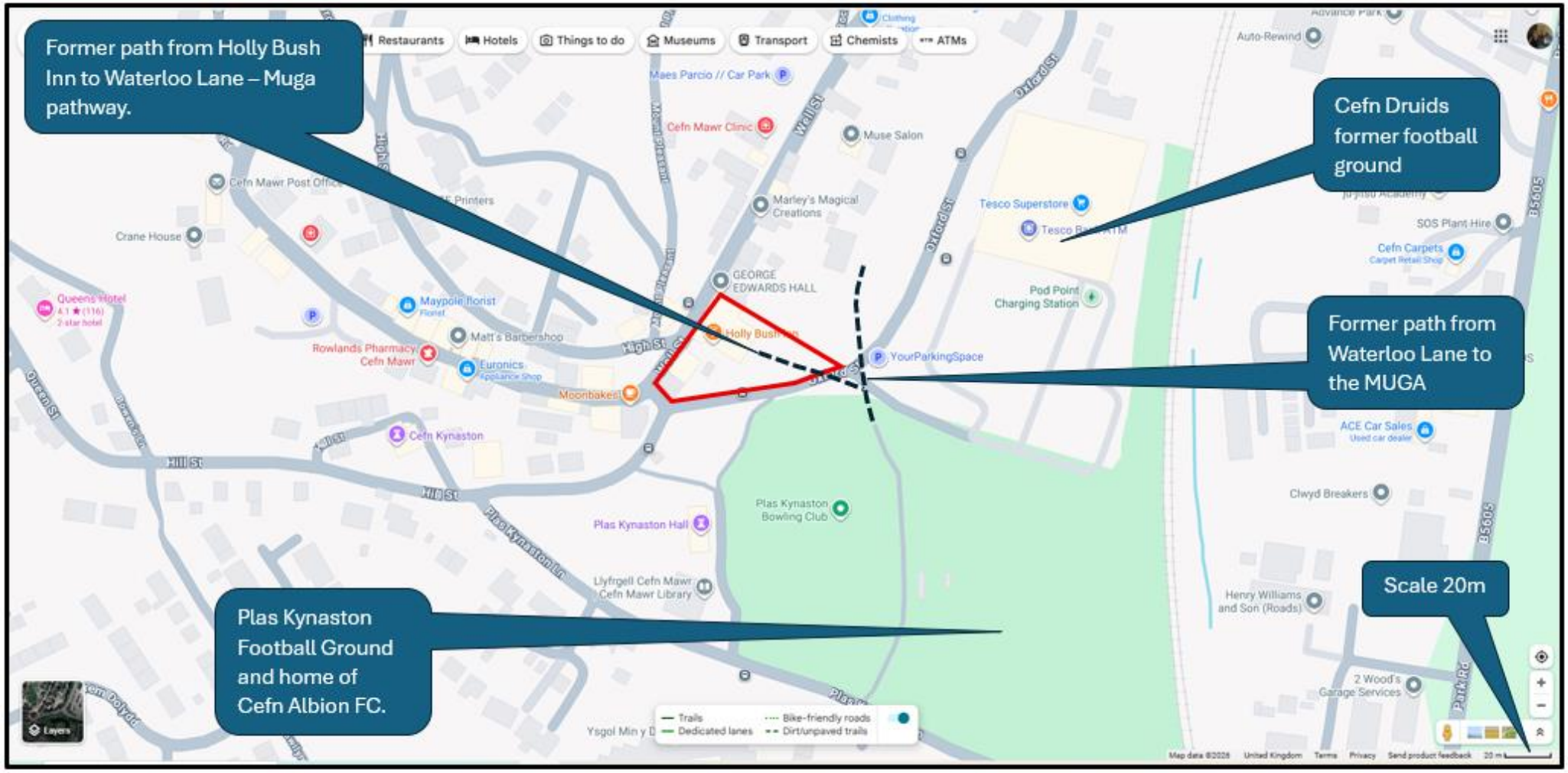
Hedgehogs are primarily nocturnal creatures, which means they typically rest throughout daylight hours. This nighttime behaviour helps them avoid predators and extreme weather conditions. Should you encounter a hedgehog during the day, this could signal the creature is poorly or hurt. However, it might also be an expectant or nursing mother, or simply a peckish hedgehog on a brief food-hunting expedition.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal to avoid predators. Nocturnal activity also helps them avoid the heat of the sun. Plus, their main food sources, like insects and other invertebrates, are also more active at night.

Leo Plevin from Arbtech said: "Hedgehogs are disappearing before our own eyes, but the good news is that families can make a real difference. Small things like leaving out a bowl of water, creating a gap in your fence, or even just leaving a pile of leaves in your garden can all help hedgehogs to thrive.

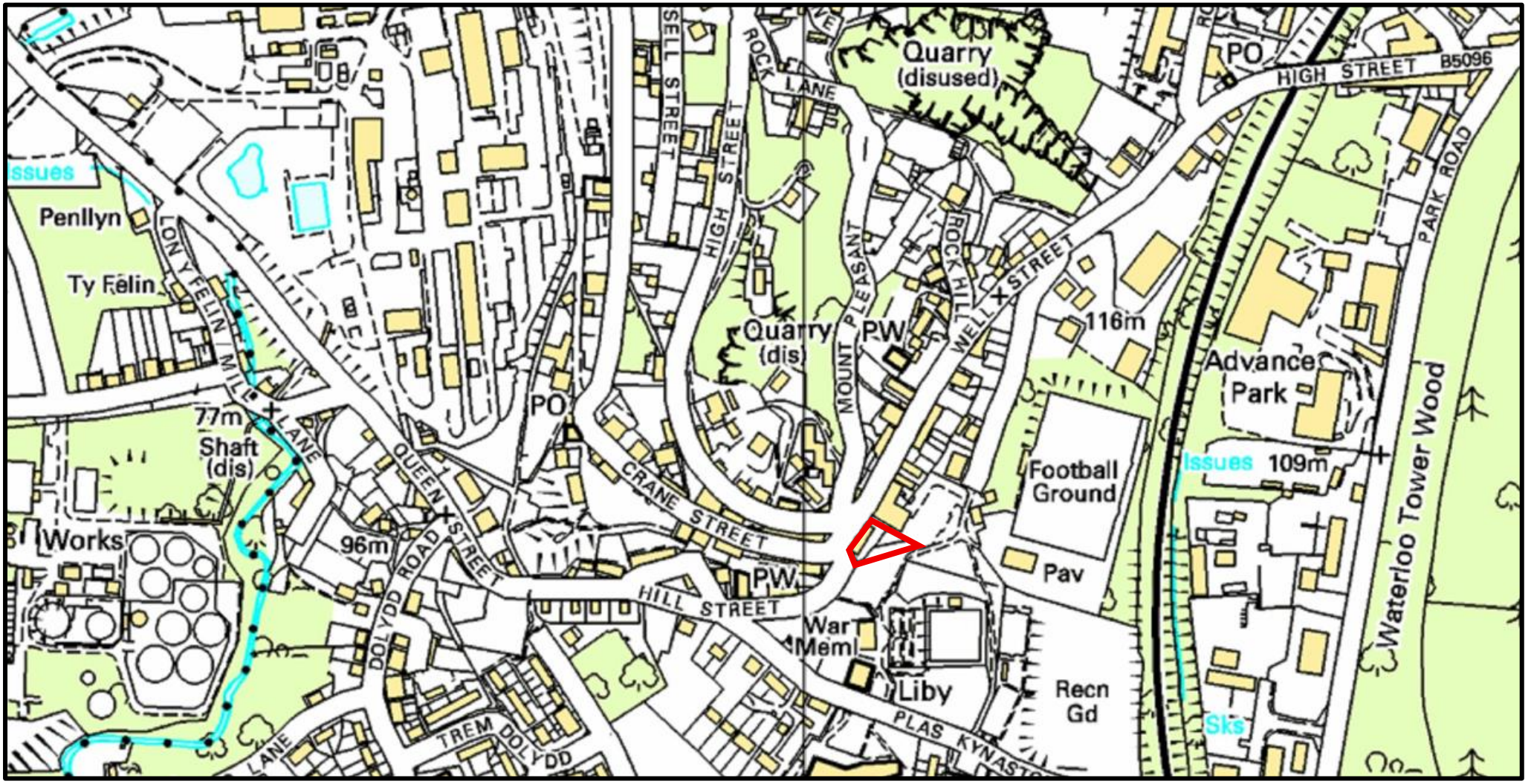
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Area Map / Location Map 2026



This map shows what used to be in place before the construction of Tesco. The rout of the pathway from the HBI has been changed because of the construction of Oxford Street serving Tesco. Unfortunately, this new road forms an impenetrable barrier for our small friends, the Hedgehogs. However, we are doing our best to look after them on our side of the road. This is also true for the birds as we care for our trees.

Area Map / Location Map 2010



The same area in 2010 before the construction of Tesco and road layout change. The pathway between the Holly Bush Inn and the Waterloo Lane / Muga pathway was a short cut for spectators from the Cefn Albion and Cefn Druids Football grounds and matches, on match days, and was popular.

Unadopted Footpath

Unfortunately, since we have shown our plans for maintaining and improving the pathway to CCC, they have rejected our plans and are now seeking to close the pathway off. We are not sure of the legal aspect of doing this is but find it a very negative response to our proposal to improve the area.

Please see Correspondence with Cefn Community Council.

What we do know:

Unadopted footpaths are private walkways not maintained by the local authority, placing maintenance responsibility on property owners adjoining the path. These, often found in older areas or new, have no guaranteed public right of way, and repair costs can fall on residents.

Key Aspects of Unadopted Footpaths:

- Maintenance: Responsibility lies with the owners of properties fronting the road or path.

  The pathway fell into a sate of disrepair after the construction of Oxford Street serving Tesco in 2012/13. We completed the conveyance of the Holly Bush Inn in 2013 and have been looking at maintaining it since then. So far this has just consisted of managing the vegetation and basic gardening in order to keep the pathway open for people in our community to use. We often see people walking their dogs through our beer garden and down the pathway to the George Edwards Hall Car Park before continuing along Waterloo Lane or exiting to Oxford Street and Tesco. The pathway provides a convenient link between Waterloo Lane and Cefn Square via the Holly Bush Inn Beer Garden.

- Adoption: Local councils can adopt these paths but are not obligated to do so.

  We are not seeking the local council to adopt the pathway; we just want to maintain it and improve it.

- Rights of Way: Unadopted paths do not always have an automatic public right of way, meaning they may be privately managed and maintained.

  This is correct in our case, and we are quite willing to maintain the pathway at our expense. CCC has not been asked for anything other than agreement. This is the correct procedure for party boundaries.

  Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that the CCC (Members) do not own anything and all the real estate in the CCC name belongs to the community, not the members of the CCC. They are only representatives of the community and should act like wise. Closing off footpaths used by our community is not appropriate action for the CCC.

Public Rights of Way & Definitive Map

The Definitive Map and Statement is the Council's legal record of Public Rights of Way in Wrexham. It is conclusive evidence of the existence of the rights of way. Although it should be noted that **Public Rights of Way may exist that are not shown on the map.** Claims are continuously being made to add such routes. Adopted public rights of way shown in purple on map.



Please note the route of the pathway has been changed because of the construction of Oxford Street serving Tesco and the supporting embankment for the 20' high road that now buries the line of the pathway to the MUGA and Plas Kynaston.

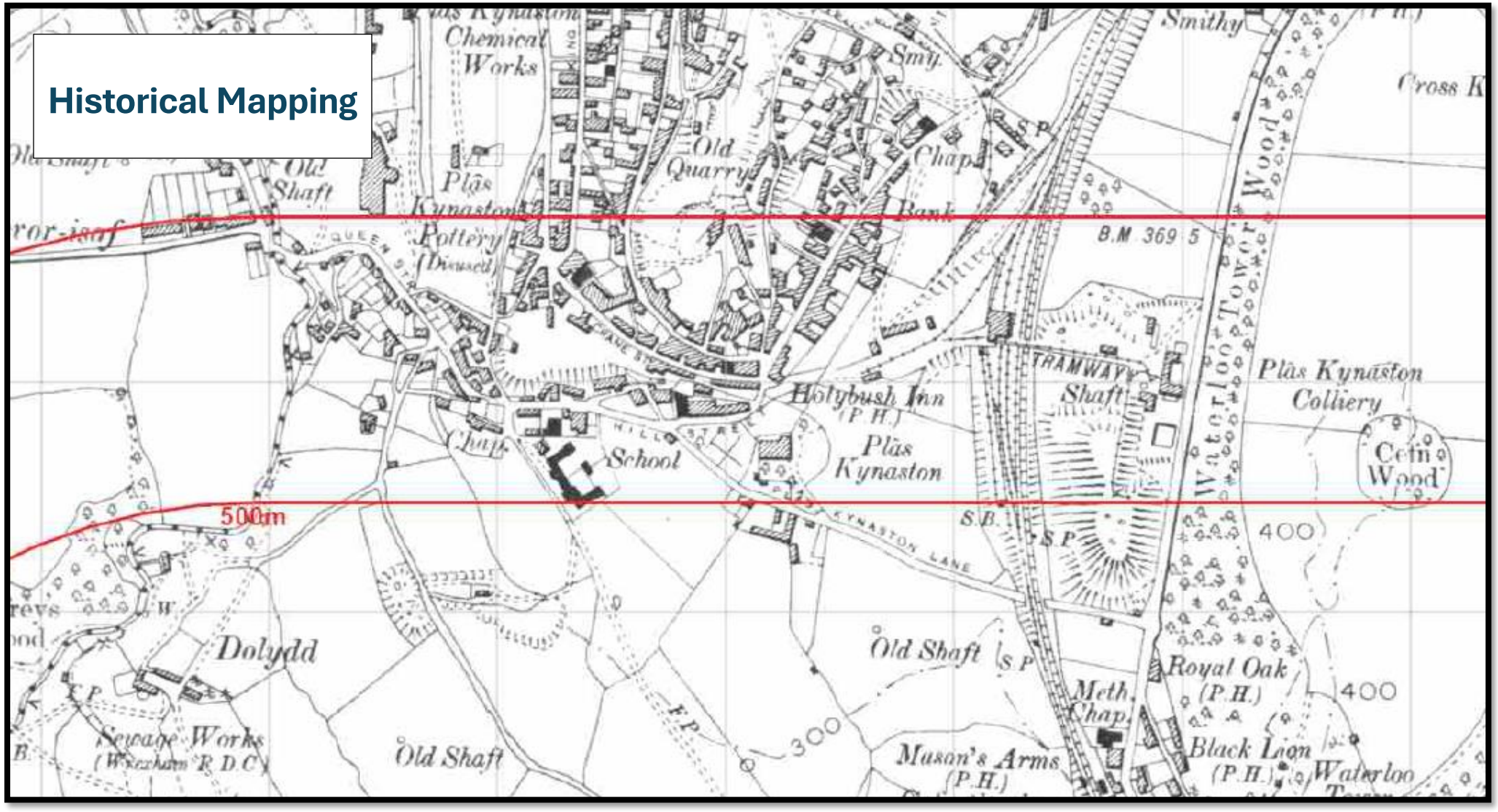


This shows roughly where the former lines of the pathways exited before the construction of Tesco and service road Oxford Street.

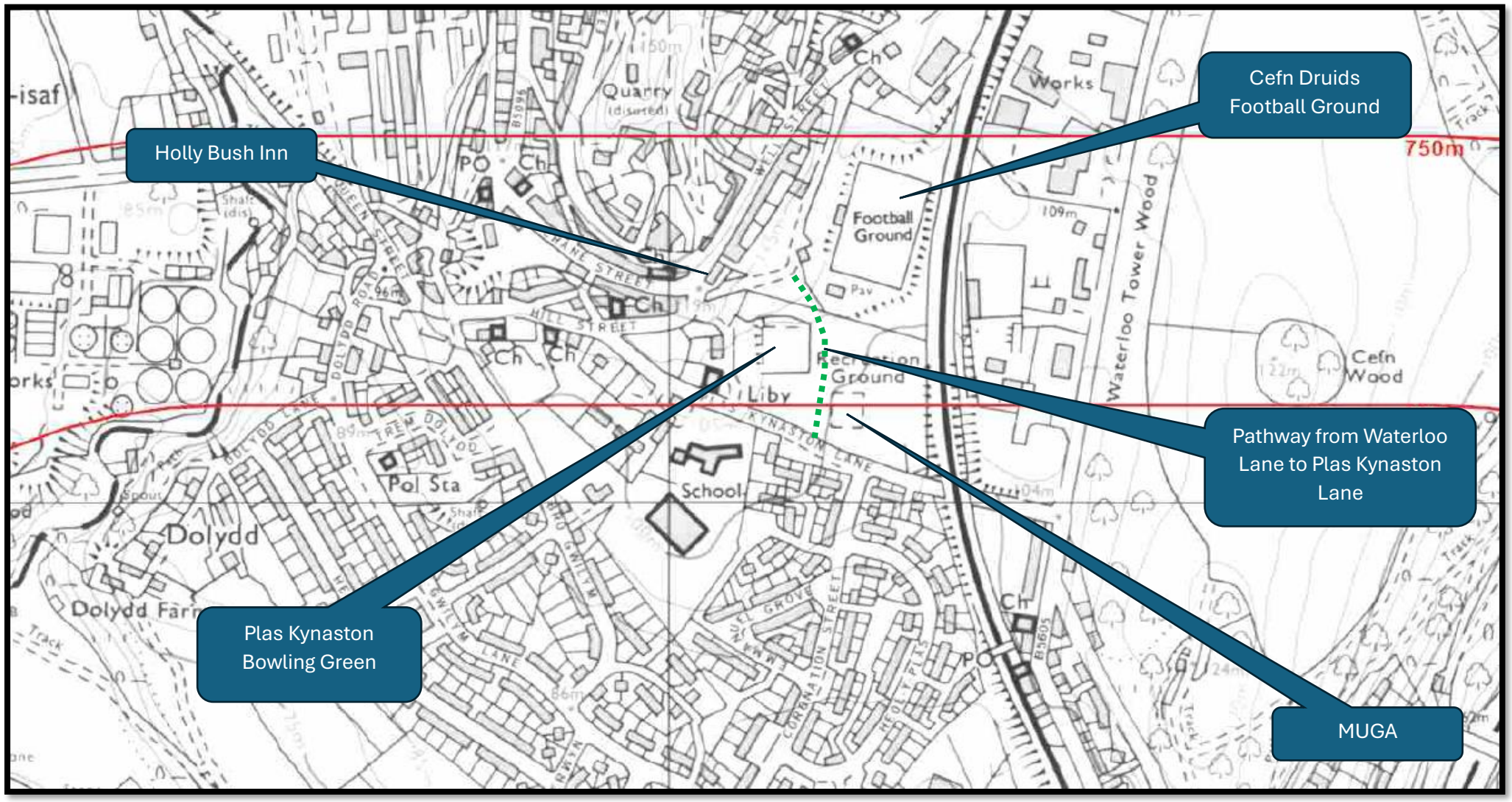


The former pathway from WLL, Waterloo Lane & GEH, George Edwards Hall car park to the MUGA and Plas Kynaston Hall and Football ground used to continue on from here. The pathway to the Holly Bush Inn used to join it under what is now Oxford Street. The construction of Oxford Street and Tesco in 2012/13 has obviously closed off one pathway and pushed the other to one side as we find the case is today.

Perhaps Cefn Museum has photographs of this area before the Construction of Tesco and Oxford Street?



Extract from Ordnance Survey 1898. Please note that the Holly Bush Inn predates the Geroge Edwards Hall by over 100 years and as far as we are aware there has always been a means of access to the rear of the Holly Bush Inn from Plas Kynaston Lane.



Extract from Ordnance Survey 1994. It is only since the construction of Tesco in 2012 that the pathway between Waterloo Lane and Plas Kynaston Lane has been lost and subsequently the path from the rear of the Holly Bush Inn that joined that pathway has been displaced.