

### 3) Management Objectives



#### *Short Term & Ongoing Maintenance*

- Replace the sign boards
- Maintain the remaining chalk grassland on the chalk banks
- Continue the current hay crop management of the main part of the meadow
- Renew the tree planting programme by planting indigenous trees in the north-western corner of the site
- Cut back and control low-growing and overhanging scrub on the chalk banks on an annual basis in the winter so as to retain and encourage chalk grassland.
- Delay the mowing of the chalk banks other than agreed walkers' paths until late August or September
- Put up nest boxes

#### MEDIUM/LONG TERM

- Tree work in the castle area
- Further tree planting



#### POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

When the chalk banks are covered in tall, dense scrub or woodland, the ground is either bare, eroded or covered in ivy. The thin layer of soil may have been enriched by leaf litter and bird droppings. It would be very difficult to establish a grass sward on those chalk banks or slopes. It is likely that the resulting vegetation following scrub clearance would consist of ivy, stinging nettles, thistles, goosegrass, coarse grasses and scrub regrowth. This happened when large areas of the Devils Dyke were cleared of mature scrub in the 1990s.

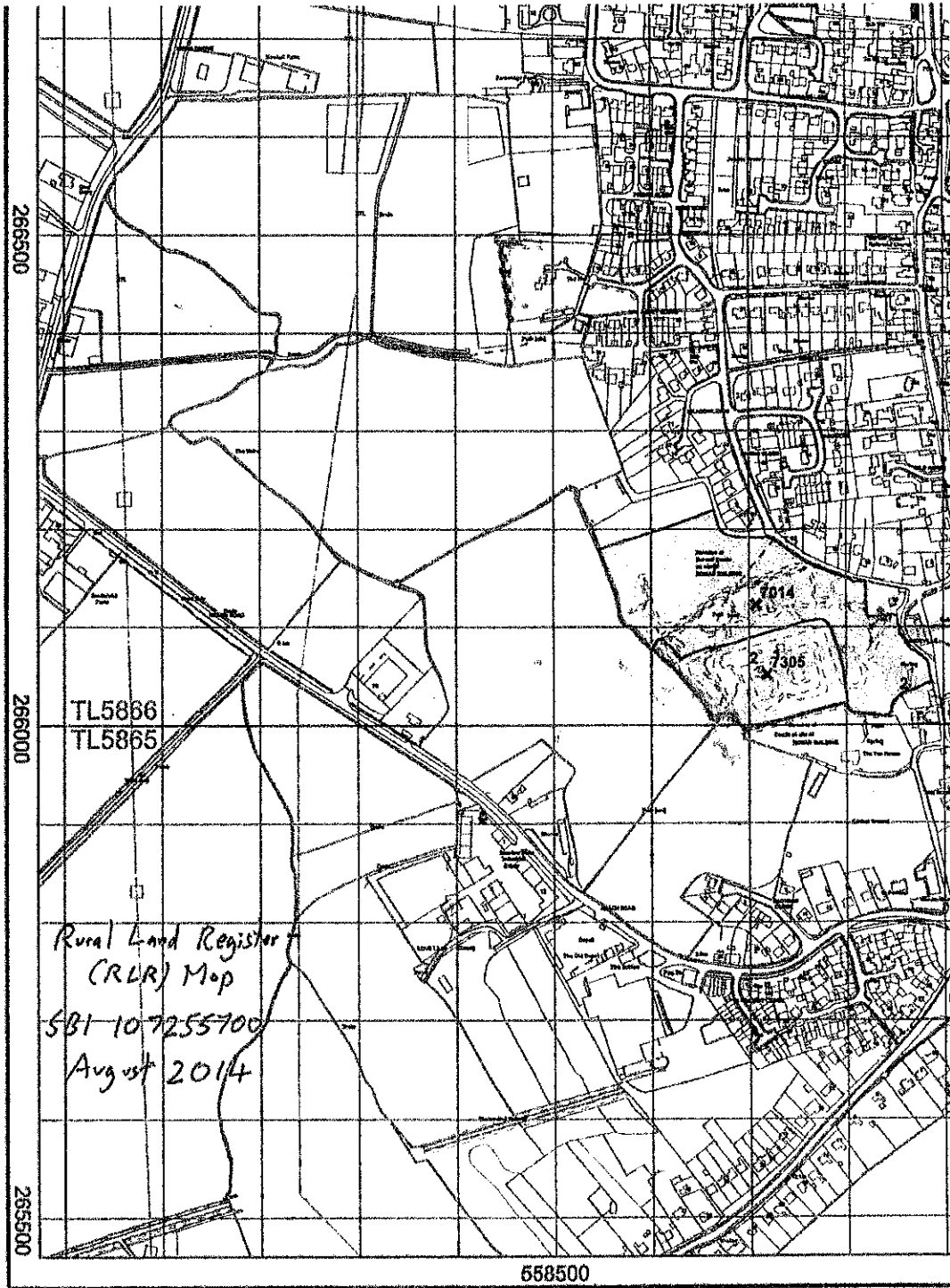


## 4) Location

Spring Close is located in the elbow where Mandeville adjoins Spring Close (road). It is within easy walking distance from Pauline's Swamp, another parish-owned Green Space in Burwell.



# 5) Land Registry Map



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Wild rose. \*\*



Bulrushes in front of an oak tree. \*\*



Cowslips \*\*



Hawkbit near the spring. \*\*



The moat 2014, with bulrushes and various interesting grasses. \*\*



Fallen Hawthorn 2014. The path is now barely passable due to brambles and scrub. \*\*



Fungi growing on rotting wood is a food for invertebrates. \*\*



The spring! \*\*

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