



CONSERVANCY

## FACT SHEET

### GILLITTS CONSERVANCY



#### Who we are:

When the various townships comprising Gillitts were laid out, the town planners were fairly generous in providing small pieces of open spaces within easy walking distance of every property. It is however a challenge to preserve them and one to which the recently revived Gillitts Conservancy has risen.

The area encompassed by the Conservancy includes Dovehouse, Chelmsfordville, Gillitts, Winston Park and St Hellier. Although keen to work together, the residents of each of these areas do still like to guard their own sense of place. In adjacent Everton, which has its own Conservancy, is the magnificent Molweni Gorge. To the south of Winston Park, the Cliffs and caves above the toll road, contain evidence of human habitation dating back 2000 years. Below St Hellier to the west there are well managed forests and open spaces, which are mainly in private hands. Even the railway line reserve running through the area is a refuge for the movement of animals, insects and reptiles.

We really do have the best of all worlds, with more species of trees in this little area than in the whole of the Kruger National Park.

#### Future:

The Conservancy is embarking on a drive to raise awareness of what the area has to offer and, in so doing, raise much-needed funds. Many of our open spaces need constant attention, to keep them alien free. The Conservancy is to focusing on getting together a number of "gatekeepers" for each of our areas designated as green areas within Gillitts that are worth preserving, with each gatekeeper managing the piece of open space nearest to his or her property. This is already happening at the Minerva Drive Grassland, the Ashley Drive Dam and the Winston Park cliffs.

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