

LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITES

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT



ChG7 Running Well, Runwell

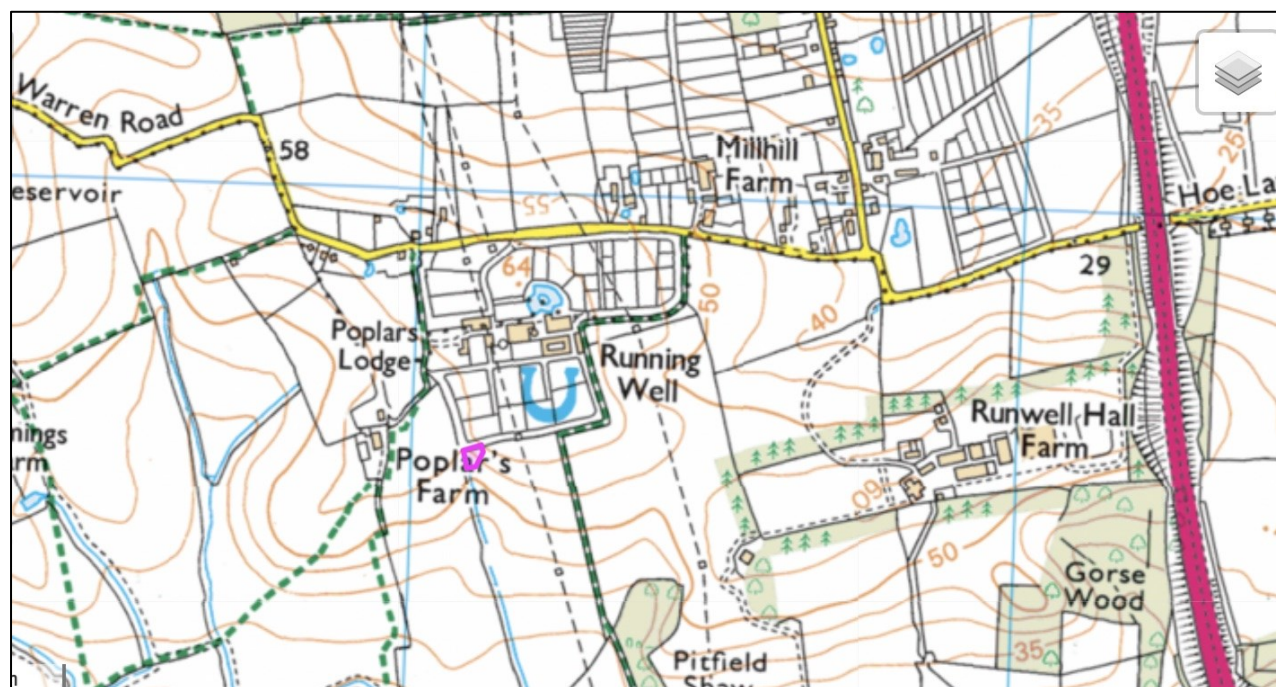
Site location: Situated 300 metres south-east of Poplars Farm between Runwell and Rettendon

Grid Reference: TQ 7511 9657

Status: On private land.

Summary of the geological interest:

An ancient spring that gave its name to the village of Runwell. Also known as Our Lady's Well. The Running Well is an ancient spring that gave its name to the village of Runwell. The well still exists and the water is said today to be of good quality. First recorded in Morant's History and Antiquities of Essex in 1768. The water flows from the junction between the Bagshot Sand and the Claygate Beds.



Site Assessment. Local Geological Sites (LoGS) in Essex are assessed using criteria based on DEFRA guidance. This site has been assessed and qualifies under these criteria. An assessment form is used which asks key questions under four value categories: scientific, educational, historical and aesthetic.

Scientific interest and site importance

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The well still exists and the water is said today to be of good quality. First recorded in Morant's History and Antiquities of Essex in 1768. The well has been described as the only holy well in Essex and there is some evidence that it was once a place of religious worship.

Like many other springs in Essex, the water flows from the junction between the Bagshot Sand and the Claygate Beds.