

Round Wood

Local Wildlife Site...



Great Tit

explore...

1 The great storm of 1990 changed the face of the wood drastically when many of the old Beech trees that dominated the wood came down. The wood is now predominantly Ash and has been thinned over the years to favour the better trees. This reduces the chances of future damage in high winds and ensuring that the woodland doesn't get too dark and foreboding.

2 At the top of the hill there's still some of the original mature Beech that avoided damage during the great storms. They provide nest holes for birds including the Great Spotted Woodpecker whose rapid drumming call can be heard echoing through the wood during the spring as males establish territories.

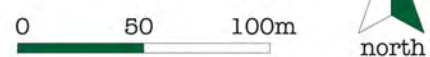
Key

- Mature woodland
- Ash woodland
- Scrub
- Chalk grassland
- Amenity grassland
- Public footpath
- Other paths
- Circular Walk
- Entrance
- Steps
- Bench
- Play Area

3 With over 1700 species of British invertebrates and many species of fungi dependent on rotting timber we try to leave as much of the fallen and cut down trees as possible. Large trees are left where they fall and smaller material is gathered in to log piles, making them great refuges for small mammals like the wood mouse.

4 To the west of the wood is a small area of chalk grassland, an internationally rare habitat which is one of the richest habitats in Western Europe. It supports a variety of flora and fauna including Bird's-foot Trefoil, Knapweed and Field Scabious and the Meadow Brown and Common Blue butterflies.

5 Along the edges of the woodland paths, where more light penetrates; look out for typical woodland flowers including Lesser Celandine, Wood Anemone, Herb Robert and Yellow Archangel which flourish where the canopy is more open.



Brimstone Butterfly



Blue Tit