

Tom Burt's Hill

Local Wildlife Site...



Slow-worm



explore...

- 1** This strip of woodland and scrub is alive with birds. The wide mix of tree and shrub species including Ash, Cherry, Wild Rose, Hawthorn, Elder, Blackthorn and Field Maple provide food and shelter throughout the year. There are also large amounts of standing deadwood within this area which provides a habitat for Noctule and Pipistrelle bats and a wide range of fungi and invertebrates which are food for birds like the Great Spotted Woodpecker.
- 2** From this smaller meadow you can enjoy views which take in the centre of High Wycombe and the surrounding countryside including West Wycombe Church to the west. The area is encompassed by Blackthorn scrub which is a wonderful nesting habitat and provides sloes in autumn which are a great food source for wildlife. Although this area isn't as big as the grassland around the corner, it is equally diverse with a wide range of flowers including Field Scabious, Self-Heal, Lady's Bedstraw and Common Rock-rose.
- 3** This area was planted in 1993/4 with a mixture of deciduous trees such as Ash, Field Maple, Hazel and Cherry, giving a wooded margin to the northern side of the site. This area provides nesting sites for birds and is a screen to the buildings adjacent to the site.
- 4** The large chalk grassland meadow is now home to Slow-worms which were translocated here in 2010 after a lot of preparation work including the building of an underground hibernacula. The meadow is awash with wildflowers in the spring and summer with, in particular, a wonderful showing of Cowslips in April/May followed by Common Spotted Orchids in June and later in the year Knapweeds, Yarrow and Harebells. Keep an eye (and ear) out for Green Woodpeckers which hunt for ants in the anthills along the bottom of the site
- 5** The rough grasses mixed with bramble, scrub and the occasional larger tree found around the edge of the grassland provides a wonderful refuge, food source and nesting areas for birds such as Wren, Robin and Blackbird, small mammals including the Field Vole and Wood Mouse and, of course, the rescued Slow-worms.

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Key	
	Mixed woodland
	Scrub
	Chalk grassland (meadow)
	Amenity grassland (park)
	Public footpath
	Permissive paths
	Circular Walk
	Gate
	Bench
	Steps
	Information



Robin

Beech