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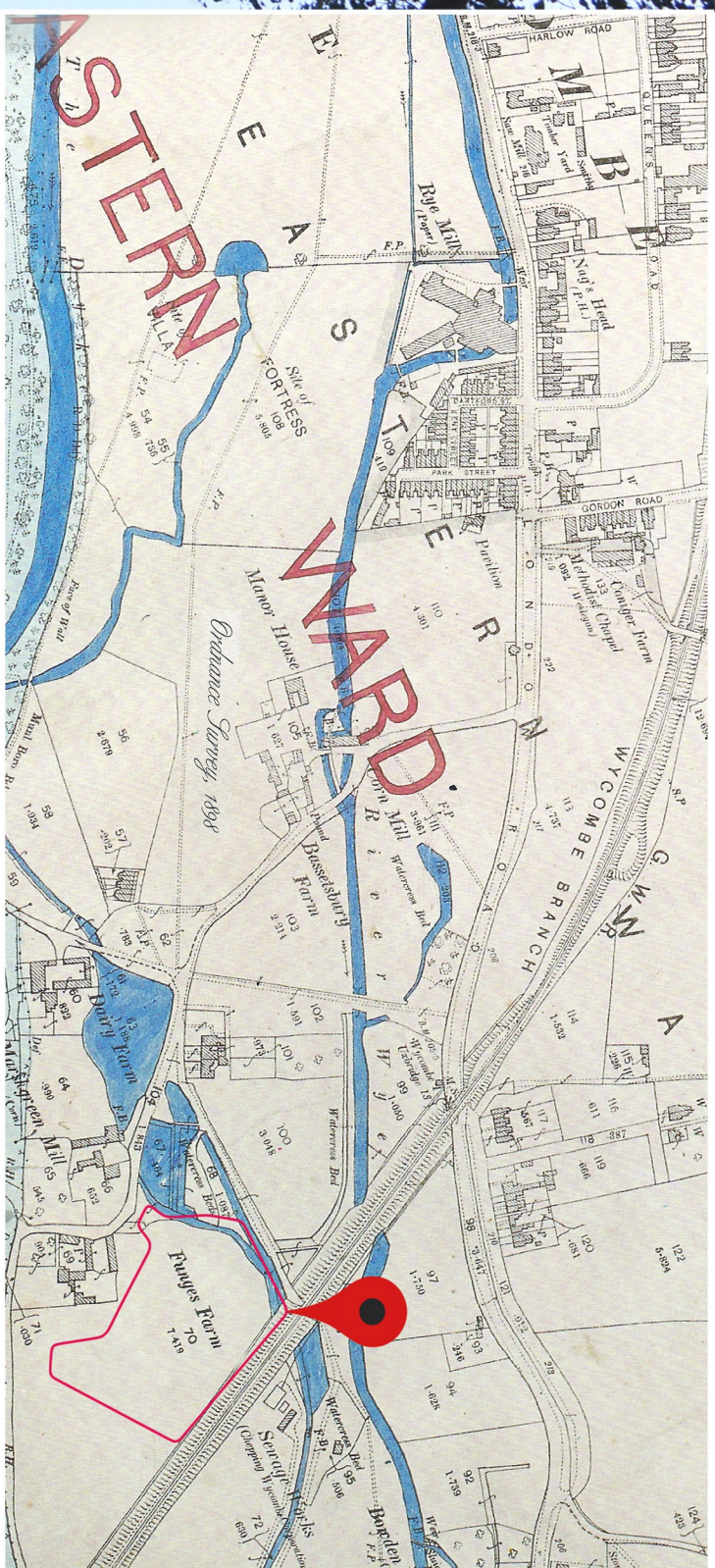
Funges Meadow is a special place in the Marsh Green Conservation area adjacent to the river Wye. It is a real **haven for plants & wildlife.**

Managed for its biodiversity, community engagement and educational use by Chiltern Rangers, this local asset is only a 15 minute walk from the centre of High Wycombe.



It is a key part of the linked off-stream habitats that run from Desborough Recreation Ground all the way through to Bourne End whose human, industrial and environmental histories reflect the importance of the river and it's surroundings to the **heritage** of the town.

It has limited access so as to preserve the habitats, and is used primarily by schools & community groups.



The Reserve is in part bounded by the Marsh Brook, also known as the Backstream, which flows from watercourses in the grounds of Wycombe Abbey through the dyke & waterfall of The Rye then on to Funges and re-joins the main river at Loudwater.

The embankment running along the side of the site was part of the **railway** between High Wycombe and Maidenhead which formed part of the GWR network. This section to Bourne End was closed in 1970.

The old Victorian bridge is a stunning feature next to the main **entrance** gate at the end of Bowden Lane.



< Compare today with this OS map from **1898**

