

Welcome to... Tom Burt's Hill

Local Wildlife Site...

Discover...

Tom Burt's Hill is a wonderful oasis for wildlife within the urban sprawl of High Wycombe town centre making the site a wonderful place to go and get away from the stresses and strains that ensue in the surrounding streets.

Enjoy...

A walk around the circular route will take 20 to 30 minutes and incorporates a mixture of young woodland, chalk grassland and mature trees. As you cross the grasslands look out for a wide variety of plants and animals including Cowslips in the spring, Knapweeds throughout the summer, Slow-worms basking on cool summer mornings and Jays flitting from tree to tree along the woodland edge.

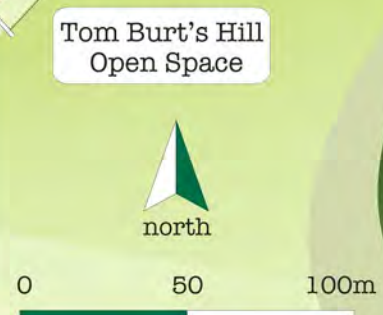
While in the wooded areas, look out for the large tree trunks of the fallen Beech which support many species. A quick exploration will soon reveal a world in miniature including woodlice, centipedes, beetles, fungi and more.



Key

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

Area
11 acres: 4.5 Hectares



Look out for....

Jay
Garrulus glandarius

This colourful woodland bird is a member of the Crow family and it is best seen during the autumn when it will be out and about searching for acorns, Beech mast and Hazel nuts that it will bury to feed on during winter. However, some will be forgotten and will become the next generation of trees.



Hairy Stereum
Stereum hirsutum

This common fungus produces fan like brackets as it helps to decay dead and dying wood. It can be distinguished from similar bracket fungi due to its hairy upper surface and smooth looking lower surface. Look out for it on almost any large piece of wood found on the ground.

Field Scabious
Knautia arvensis

This plant can be found throughout the chalk grasslands, flowering throughout the summer. It is often frequented by invertebrates like Marbled White butterflies which feed on its nectar and bees that carry away its pollen. Sometimes these unsuspecting insects are caught and eaten by crab spiders lying in wait on the underside of the flower head.

Long-tailed tit
Aegithalos caudatus

This easily recognised bird with its long tail and pinky hue is often found in small, excitable flocks of about 20, flitting through the trees and scrub as it hunts out insects. Look out for them in winter when the flocks grow in size with other tit species joining in on the foraging.



Crab Spider on Field Scabious



Tom Burt's Hill is managed by **WDC Woodland Service** to ensure it is protected and its biodiversity enhanced for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

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