

Get involved

Witney Woodland Volunteers meet every Monday morning for a couple of hours. Tasks include:

- Planting trees, shrubs and seeds
- Cutting back undergrowth
- Weeding and litter picking a variety of footpaths and public spaces in the Witney area

A small annual membership fee covers insurance costs for their projects.

Volunteering is not all about work. You can also take part in trips to locations of interest and social gatherings.

For more information visit:

www.witneywood.org.uk



Contact

Deer Park Wood is owned by West Oxfordshire District Council and is maintained by Witney Woodland Volunteers. If you would like to know more, or to report anything of interest or concern, contact:

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Deer Park Wood

a place to enjoy

Deer Park Wood lies between Deer Park Road and Range Road in west Witney.



Clusters of bonnet mushrooms



Pyramidal Orchid



Meadow Brown Butterfly



Deer Park Wood - a place to enjoy

Deer Park Wood is around 11 acres in size. In the 14th century the ridge on which the wood is located was part of the landholdings of the Bishop of Winchester. It then became a Royal Deer Park until the mid-16th century before being used as grazing land.

Today the site is owned by West Oxfordshire District Council and has a network of woodland paths making it a great place to walk your dogs, watch for wildlife and meet people.

The woods are managed by Witney Woodland Volunteers following an agreement with the Council in 2010. The volunteers actively manage the land to improve it both for wildlife and local people.

Woodland

Young, native trees have been planted to increase the site's biodiversity - these include oak, ash and lime, field maple, silver birch and hornbeam, and walnut, beech and crab apple. In the damper areas, species such as willow and black poplar have been planted.

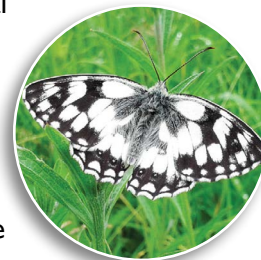
The maturing woodland is around 30 years old and bird and bat boxes have been installed in many locations to encourage wildlife.

To minimise disruption to wildlife, flora and fauna please keep to the paths.



Wildflower meadows

The wildflower meadow areas have been sown with native species and orchids have been transplanted from a local development site. The diversity of wildflowers attracts many butterflies and other insects and the site has received a Friends of the Earth 'Bee World' plaque.



New hedgerow

The hedgerow to the east of the site not only provides separation from the road, but also forms a natural habitat for birds, insects and small mammals. It is planted with a mix of native species such as guelder and dog rose, wayfaring tree, hazel, spindle, hawthorn and privet.



Orchard

An orchard of old English and Oxfordshire varieties of apple, plum, damson and greengage, coupled with traditional pear and quince trees provides food for many insects - and a free fruit harvest for visitors!



Key

Entrance	Woodland	Hazel coppice
Woodland mound path	New tree planting	Orchard
Seating	New hedgerow	Wildflower meadow
Outdoor classroom		
Dog waste bin		

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