

# The Cut Countryside Corridor

Explore bluebell woodlands and wildflower meadows along a 5.6km walk following The Cut River. The route runs from Jock's Lane in Binfield to Newell Green in Warfield.



#### Facilities

- Parking, including disabled spaces
- Surfaced paths
- Picnic tables
- Children's play facilities, café and toilets at Jock's Lane

## The Cut

Rising in North Ascot, The Cut flows for around 14 miles (23 km) through Winkfield, Warfield and Binfield before heading northeast to Bray, to join the River Thames.



Bumblebee on common knapweed Tinker's Copse bluebells

### Larks Hill

Named after the skylark, this public open space contains grazed pasture, arable fields and a community orchard. Traditional management practices are used to keep the orchard healthy. A nearby bee hive is kept, so the honey bees can visit and pollinate the apple blossom.

A sarsen (sandstone block) boulder known as The Quelm Stone is an unusual feature that can be found near the path running to the west of the site. 'Quelm' is derived from the old English word 'cwelm' (a spring or a stream). Quelm also means 'to kill' suggesting the nearby presence of a hanging place or gibbet. It is believed by some that it served as a former parish boundary marker.



#### Cowslip, Primula veris



Linnet, Linaria cannabina

Did you know...? Two paddocks at Lark's Hill and Garth Meadows are grazed on rotation with cattle during summer. Dogs can be walked in the alternative field or kept on a lead.



Apus apus

### Garth Meadows

On a clear day there are fine views looking south across the meadows and the skyline of Bracknell town centre. The cattle grazing in the meadows helps to slow down the growth of grass and scrub in the summer. This encourages a diversity of wildflowers like cowslip, meadow vetchling and ragged robin. In turn, this attracts butterflies, bees and farmland birds such as linnets and kestrels.

Larks Hill cattle

### The Copses – Jock's and Tinker's

These closely linked areas, located in Binfield are valued as wildlife habitats and places for a quiet stroll. The woodlands are mainly oak and hazel with a variety of flowers, such as wood anemones and bluebells. Both Copses used to be set in an open rural farmland landscape. House building in the 1990s enclosed the woodlands, which had been derelict and unmanaged for quite some time. An old air strip prior to 1930s ran between Jock's and Tinker's Copse.

The name 'Jock' refers to a Scottish vagrant who frequented the copse in the early 1800s (per R Mosses). Temple Copse is classified as Ancient Woodland, which means that it has been wooded for at least 400 years.



Wild service tree, Sorbus torminalis



Nuthatch. Sitta europaea

#### Did you know...?

Garth Meadows is thought to be named after Thomas Colleton Garth of Haines Hill. He was Master of Bracknell's local fox hunt from 1852 to 1902 and 'The Garth' Hunt was named in his honour.

Garth Meadows in snow

