The Cut Countryside Corridor

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- Circular route
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- Information point
- Footbridge
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- Café
- Play area

How to get there

By bus – the nearest bus stop for Jocks Lane is at Moordale Avenue on Binfield Road. The nearest stop for Larks Hill is at Newport Drive.

By car – Jocks Lane car park, Jocks Lane, Binfield, RG12 2BH. Larks Hill car park, off Harvest Ride, Warfield (grid reference: SU 87052 70812)

On foot/cycle – from Bracknell, walk north on Quelm Lane and cross Harvest Ride, turn right into Larks Hill. See map for alternative entrances.
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Explore bluebell woodlands and wildflower meadows through a range of walks around The Cut river from Jock’s Lane in Binfield to Newell Green in Warfield.

Facilities

*Disabled access for Larks Hill loop and 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.

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 and the nearby hive is looked after by a local bee-keeper.

Two paddocks are grazed on rotation with cattle during summer and dogs can be walked in the alternative field or kept on a lead.

Tinker’s Copse

Did you know…?

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

Larks Hill

On a clear day there are fine views looking south across the meadows and the skyline of Bracknell town centre. Cattle are grazed in the meadow during summer to slow down the growth of grass and scrub. 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. The two paddocks are grazed on rotation with cattle during summer and dogs can be walked in the alternative field or kept on a lead.

Garth Meadows

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.

The Three Copes – Jock’s, Temple and Tinker’s

These closely linked areas, located in Binfield are valued as wildlife habitats and places for a quiet stroll. The woodland is mainly oak and hazel with a variety of woodland flowers, such as wood anemones and bluebells. At 3 copses used to be set in an open rural farmland landscape. House building in the 1990s enclosed the woodland, 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.

Did you know…?

Wild Service Tree, Sorbus torminalis

Bullfinch, Pyrrhula pyrrhula

Swift, Apus apus

Cowslip, Primula veris

Larks Hill

Skylark, Alauda arvensis

Honey bees on apple blossom (left). Ripening pears (right).

*These areas mostly accessible to dogs except for Temples Copse.

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