

Prestwick Road Meadows

Some of the plants and animals you might see

Pond. The pond is seasonal. In summer it often dries out but fills again in the winter. Can you spot any baby frogs near the pond in summer?

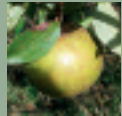


Frog



Dragonfly

Traditional pear tree. In autumn this tree is covered in pears, but they don't look like normal pears. They are round like apples and very hard.

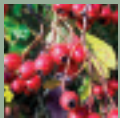


Pear

Hedgerows. The hedgerows have been here for centuries. In spring hawthorn and blackthorn flowers provide nectar for insects. In autumn, haws and sloes provide a feast for birds.



Sloes

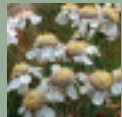


Haws



Robin

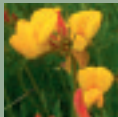
Meadows. Many of the plants found here are now quite rare in Hertfordshire.



Sneezewort



Black Knapweed



Birds-foot Trefoil

The oak trees often have spangle galls on their leaves and oak apple galls on their buds. These shelter the larvae of tiny wasps.



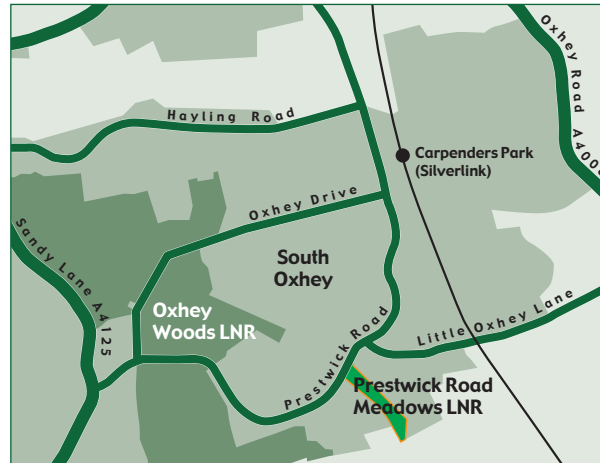
Spangle Gall



Oak Apple

Total.....
How many did you find?

How to get to Prestwick Road Meadows Local Nature Reserve



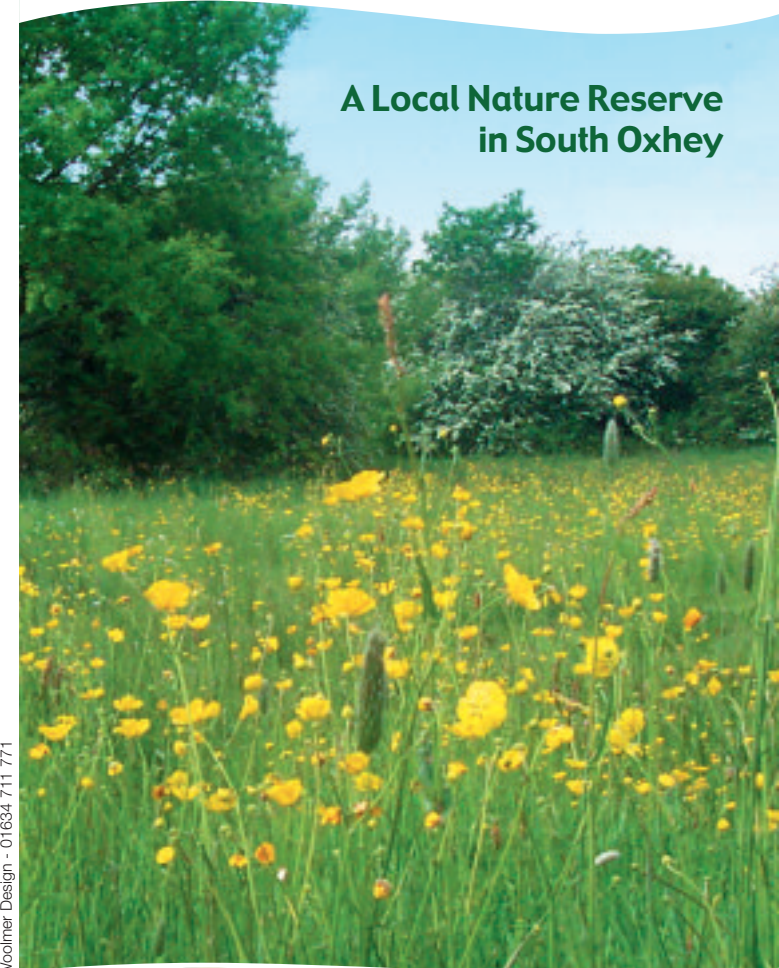
By train: From Carpenders Park turn left and follow Prestwick Road for approximately 15 minutes. The LNR is on your left past Little Oxhey Lane.

By bus: There are regular buses along Prestwick Road. Contact Traveline for information on 0871 2002233

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What can you find?



Why is the Local Nature Reserve so important?

Prestwick Road Meadows LNR has some of the most beautiful wildflowers in the district.

Up until the 1940s, flower-rich hay meadows and pastures were a common sight. Since then more than 97% of these habitats have been lost. Prestwick Road Meadows is one of the few meadows that survived untouched.

It is a small place, taking just half an hour to walk around, but there is plenty to see. The site is a remnant of old farm meadows. The ancient hedgerows that separated the fields can still be seen.

There is a seasonal pond that attracts frogs and herons in the spring. Summer is the best time to see the meadows in flower. The purple knapweed, yellow birdsfoot-trefoil and red clover create a tall colourful patchwork, with lots of insects. In autumn its hedgerows provide food for a wide variety of birds.

How do we keep it special?

The meadows are cut just once a year at the end of summer. Grass pathways are cut more regularly to allow people to walk easily throughout the meadows.

Speckled Wood



Key

- Footpaths within Prestwick Road Meadows
- - - Footpaths outside Prestwick Road Meadows
- Entrance Points
- Bus Stop
- Bench
- View Point

Hoverflies

Oxeye daisy. Also known as the Moon daisy, the large white flowers with yellow centres are a favourite for hoverflies.



Oxeye Daisy

