

## **WOODLAND AREAS AND ANCIENT WOODLAND IN WEST HORSLEY**

### **SPECIFIC WOODLANDS**

#### **The Sheepleas**

Situated largely in GBC Landscape Character Assessment area C1 – Merrow and Clandon Wooded Chalk Downs and part in area D1 – Clandon Open Chalk Farmland.

The Sheepleas is designated a SSSI within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) It is also with an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) and large parts are also designated Ancient and semi-natural woodland or, to a lesser extent, Ancient replanted woodland. All is included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – Deciduous woodland.

#### **Lollesworth Wood**

Situated in GBC Landscape Character Assessment area E2 – Ockham and Clandon Wooded Rolling Claylands.

This woodland area is immediately to the north and south of the main London – Guildford railway line, surrounding Parkrow Copse. The vast majority is also designated as Ancient and semi natural woodland and is included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – Deciduous woodland. The area excluded from the Ancient and semi natural woodland designation is adjacent to the historic fish ponds.

#### **Parkrow Copse**

Situated in GBC Landscape Character Assessment area E2 – Ockham and Clandon Wooded Rolling Claylands.

This woodland area is immediately to the south of the main London – Guildford railway line, between the two sections of Lollesworth Wood. All of the area is also designated as Ancient and semi natural woodland and all is included in the Priority Habitat Inventory – Deciduous woodland.

#### **Great Wix Wood**

Situated in GBC Landscape Character Assessment area E2 – Ockham and Clandon Wooded Rolling Claylands.

This wood is situated part in the parish of West Horsley and part in the parish of Clandon. The area is designated as a SNIC, as an Ancient and semi natural woodland and is also on the Priority Habitat Inventory – Deciduous woodland.

Furthermore it forms part of the National Trust estate at Hatchlands and is designated an integral part of its 'Historic park and garden'

#### **Upper Weston Wood**

Situated in GBC Landscape Character assessment area C1 – Merrow and Clandon Wooded Chalk Downs.

This wood is designated as a SNIC, and is also wholly within the Surrey Hills ANOB and Area of Great Landscape Value and is a Woodpasture & Parkland BAP Priority Habitat.

## **DESIGNATED ANCIENT AND SEMI-NATURAL WOODLANDS**

In addition to the specific woodlands identified above, there are numerous woodland areas designated as 'Ancient and semi-natural woodlands' throughout the parish.

### **South of the A246**

There are many areas situated within GBC Landscape Character assessment area C1 – Merrow and Clandon Wooded Chalk with this designation, including The Sheepleas and Upper Weston wood.

As these woodland areas have even greater protection under other designations we shall not address these areas individually here.

### **North of A246**

All of the woodland areas below are situated within GBC Landscape Character Assessment area E2 – Ockham and Clandon Wooded Rolling Claylands.

- Great Wix Wood – as before described.
- Lollesworth wood – as before described.
- Tyrells Wood on Long Reach – On site of old brickyard. Also included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland.
- Little Wix Wood (within the Hatchlands estate) – also included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland.
- Cranmore Wood - to rear of Squires garden centre - also included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland and abutted on one side by a further area included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland. It is also subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
- Wood to rear of Barcombe Farm - also included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland and surrounded by a further area included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland.
- Wood between Ripley Lane and Silkmore Lane (extension) - also included on the Priority Habitat Inventory – deciduous woodland.

## **ANCIENT REPLANTED WOODLANDS**

- The Sheepleas (part only) – as described previously.
- Hook Wood – situated south of the A246, also within the AONB.

**For the location of woodland areas and ancient woodlands refer to Map 8: Woodland Areas and Trees in West Horsley.**