


CATERHAM VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACES

<p><b>Name</b> Tupwood Scrubs and Ten Acre Shaw</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> TQ341534 534192, 153499</p>	<p><b>Between</b> Tupwood Scrubs, Ten Acre Shaw and land in between.</p>
<p><b>No.43</b></p>	<p>Coloured brown on plan.</p>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>		
	<p>Wooded North Downs with Tupwood Scrubs as Assested pre 1811 Woodland and Ten Acre Shaw Pre 1811 Woodland and the area between 19<sup>th</sup> Century plantation. This is a mixture of very mature trees and semi mature trees on sloping chalk downs with Bridleway 184 running through the centre and on the edge of the AONB area of View Point.</p> <p>Many informal paths run through the woods and there is a diverse habitat amongst the fallen trees.</p>	

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<b>Biodiversity-</b>	
As mainly mature woodland the site is a mixture of mainly mature and semi mature trees with number of fallen trees from gales over the recent decade. As such it provides a valuable habitat to both plant, fungi and animal species together with a wide variety of trees species on the site.	
<b>Planning Permission?</b>	No. Although there has been an application for development on the woods adjacent to the site and by a previous owner.
<b>Can all community benefit from LGS</b>	<p>The site provides the countryside setting with 45A after the urban area of Harestone Hill and Harestone Valley Road. There is a public bridleway 184 through the site and there are many informal paths through the site used regularly by dog walkers and others for recreation. Bridleway 184 leads directly on to View Point and is a usual route for walkers and riders entering this countryside area from Caterham Station.</p> <p>This area is one of the most prominent parts of Harestone Valley and can be seen from many viewpoints. It also forms the back drop for the setting of Caterham to the south. It is easily accessible from Gravelly Hill, Upper Harestone and Harestone Valley Road.</p>
<b>Does the land already benefit from protection?</b>	The site is designated green belt. TPO 1/C&W under W7 describes the site as a Plantation of Mixed Deciduous Trees.
<b>Is the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?</b>	Yes the site is widely used by dog walkers, riders and the local public together with walkers and riders from outside the CR3 area.
<b>Is the green space local in character and is not an extensive tract of land?</b>	The site area is just under 14 hectares approximately and the wooded hillside defines the location of CR3 as a town within the Surrey Hills. It is not extensive and has definable boundaries.

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	The use of this site and neighbouring woodland and countryside form a major part in the life style for Caterham residents.
<b>Is it demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance because of:</b>	
<b>Beauty</b>	<p>South Caterham Wooded North Down is a relatively small area of wooded chalk downland to the south of Caterham, situated on the dip slope beyond the chalk scarp which forms the southern boundary. The northern boundary is largely defined by the edge of settlement, south of Caterham. This site is part of CW8 in the Surrey Landscape Character Assessment April 2015.</p> <p>Tupwood Scrubs and Ten Acre Shaw are both classified as Ancient Woodland respectively assarted pre 1811 Woodland and pre 1811 woodland under Historical Landscape Characterisation by Surrey. As such there a a number of mature trees on the site.</p> <p>The site contributes strongly to views out of Caterham and from the eastern Hillside of Harestone Valley. It also forms the backdrop for views south and west to areas 45 and 45A. and to the view looking north from View Point.</p> <p>.</p>
<b>Historic</b>	It is thought that this with Old park Woods was part of Place Farm once occupied by Anne of Cleves who enjoyed hunting here. The majority of the area is Ancient Woodland.
<b>Recreational Value</b>	The woods are extensively used by both local and non-local people for walking, riding and enjoyment. Whilst there is only one bridleway running through, there are many informal paths into the woods used by ramblers and dog walkers alike.
<b>Tranquillity</b>	Very quiet location.

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<p><b>Richness of Wildlife</b></p>	<p>This site is rich in biodiversity. This area of woodland like others on the urban boundary provide natural and undisturbed habitat for many species of plants, animals and fungi. Ancient woodlands are UK and Surrey Biodiversity Action Plan Habitats and are subject to Natural England's Statutory Advice to Local Authorities.</p> <p>Much of the wood with its fallen trees is ideal for fungi. A professional mycological survey has not been undertaken but it is likely that there will be a reasonable diversity of woodland fungi.</p> <p>The site's connectivity to the wider countryside, suggest significant potential for reptiles, although no surveys have been undertaken to due to the time of year. However, grass snakes <i>Natrix natrix</i> and (historically) adders <i>Vipera berus</i> have been documented from nearby War Coppice Road. Both of these are UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority species.</p>
<p><b>Does it have public access?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Through the public bridleway 184 and from Gravelly Hill, View Point and Upper Harestone. Informal footpaths cross the site.</p>
<p><b>Does it have a public right of way?</b></p>	<p>Bridleway 184 runs through and the public have used these woods for walking for many years without obstruction.</p>
<p><b>Is it located in a new development?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Is it in public ownership?</b></p>	<p>No</p>

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<b>How will LGS be managed?</b>	The management will remain the responsibility of the current owners. However, if development is proposed, there is a case for listing it on the register of assets of value to the community (see below).
<b>Should it be registered as an Asset of Community Value?</b>	At present the site does not appear to be at risk from development. Should this change there would be a case for it being registered as an asset of community value Part of the site on southern boundary was included in HELAA.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	Surrey Interactive Map. Surrey Landscape Character Assessment TDC April 2015. Surrey Historic Data. Harestone Valley Character assessment March 2011 G Fookes