



Anton Lakes LNR, Andover

Grid reference: SU357466

Anton Lakes were formed as a result of gravel extraction. The lake outflow is the headwaters of the River Anton. The springs, lake, river and meadows around the edge of the site provide a mosaic of habitats, including chalk grassland, watercress beds and water meadows. Cattle now graze throughout the summer months and help to support the diverse range of wild flowers. Many birds can also be found on the lakes and streams including kingfishers and water rail.



Ladies Walk, Andover

Grid reference: SU369445

Located on the south eastern edge of Andover, Ladies Walk comprises of three moderately steep north facing meadows. The chalk grassland on site supports a diverse array of butterflies and other invertebrates, as well as vertebrates such as common lizards and slow worms. The meadows are grazed throughout the summer to improve their sward structure. The Ladies Walk which borders the site dates back to 1785.



Rooksbury Mill LNR, Andover

Grid reference: SU356443

Rooksbury Mill, also formed through gravel extraction and once a trout fishery, now plays host to a variety of wildlife including otters, water voles and kingfishers. Its mosaic of chalk grassland and riparian habitats provide a rich diversity of wildlife.

Harewood Common, Andover

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Comprising of nearly 10 hectares of chalk grassland, Harewood Common is rich in wildlife and provides a refreshing contrast to the nearby Urban Park. Originally an agricultural field, the common backs onto the ancient woodland of Harewood Forest and is managed through grazing during the summer months. This creates an ideal habitat for insects, birds and bats to thrive.

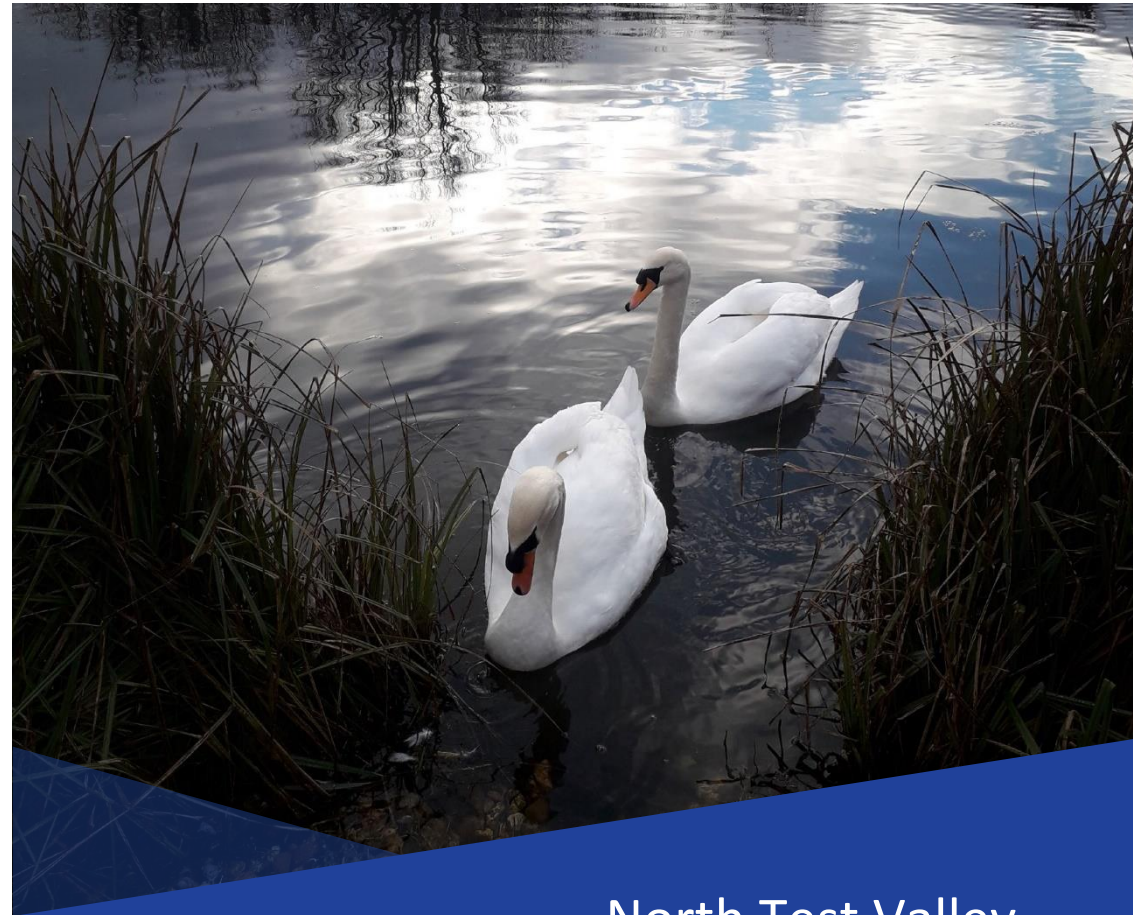
Ox Drove Meadow, Andover

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Comprising of just over three hectares of chalk grassland, Ox Drove Meadow is made up of a gently sloping path which encompasses the site. New trees planted around the site are helping to establish a robust hedgerow around its boundary which is important for the sites' inhabitants which include a wide variety of birds and insects as well as the Hazel Dormouse which makes the site its home.

Parks and Countryside

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North Test Valley



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Test Valley Parks and Countryside Team

The team work to maintain and develop the borough's green spaces which include countryside sites, Nature Reserves, parks and cemeteries.

Please contact the countryside officers in advance for more details.

Further information is available on www.testvalley.gov.uk

Or contact the the Countryside Officers on **01264 368000**, or email community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2023 to help maintain and enhance our green spaces.

New volunteers, including families, are always welcome to help with the on-going programme of events.

Local Conservation Groups

The Anton River Conservation Association (TARCA)

Test Valley
Borough Council



Parks and Countryside Events and Activities Guide 2024

North Test Valley

Date	Time	Task	Venue	Meeting Place
Sat 13 Jan	10am – 2pm	Woody debris mattress creation	Anton lakes LNR	Car Park
Sun 28 Jan	10am – 2pm	Scrub clearance	Ladies walk	Hedge end road playing field SP10 2DH
Sat 10 Feb	10am – 2pm	Coppicing and ditch clearance	Anton lakes LNR	Car Park
Sun 25 Feb	10am – 2pm	Watercress bed maintenance and scrub clearance	Anton lakes LNR	Car park
Sat 9 Mar	10am – 2pm	Tree planting & tree guard removal	Harewood common	P20 Coop car park SP11 6TY
Sun 24 Mar	10am- 2pm	Tree planting & tree guard removal	Harewood common	P20 Coop car park SP11 6TY
Sat 6 Apr	10am – 2pm	Big litter pick, river clean and site maintenance	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park
Sat 21 Apr	10am – 2pm	Big litter pick, river clean and site maintenance	Anton lakes LNR & Wickes meadow	Car park
Sun 5 May	4:45 am onwards	Dawn Chorus day	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park
Sun 19 May	10am – 2pm	Anton river clean	Behind ASDA	Car park behind ASDA
Sat 13 Jul	10am – 2pm	Ragwort pull	Swattons	Charlton lakes BMX track car park
Sun 21 Jul	10am – 2pm	Summer walk with optional lunch at the Oak, Smannell	Harmony woods paths around Smannell	East Anton Sports Ground car park SP11 6XU
Sat 3 Aug	10am – 2pm	Free Family Discovery day	Anton lakes LNR	Car park
Sun 18 Aug	10am – 2pm	Non-Native species removal	Rooksbury mill INR	Car park
Fri 6 Sep	7:45 pm onwards	Bat walk	Bury hill meadows	Car park
Sat 7 Sep	7:45 pm onwards	Bat walk	Harewood common	P20 Coop car park SP11 6TY
Fri 20 Sep	7 pm onwards	Bat walk	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park
Sat 21 Sep	7pm onwards	Bat walk	Anton lakes LNR	Car park
Sat 5 Oct	10am – 2pm	Orchard day	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park
Sun 20 Oct	10am – 2pm	Riverbank cutting	Behind ASDA	Car park behind ASDA
Sat 2 Nov	10 am – 2pm	Woody debris mattress creation	Anton lakes LNR	Car park
Sun 17 Nov	10am – 2pm	Winter tasks	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park
Sat 30 Nov	10am – 2pm	Winter tasks	Rooksbury mill LNR	Car park

Important Note

The practical tasks that we carry out on our Green Spaces and Nature Reserves can be strenuous, tiring and involve the use of hand tools that some people may find challenging. Please inform the co-ordinator leading the event if you have any medical conditions or concerns that could be a danger to yourself or other volunteers working around you. We reserve the right to restrict your level of participation in certain circumstances. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.