

Millbrook Mead

A small nature reserve situated just off the permissive path to Preston Crowmarsh

Although alongside the busy A4074 a quiet sun trap for enjoying wildflowers and a thriving insect population

What You Will Find Here

- A short length of chalk stream
- A boardwalk, which is part of a permissive path between Benson and Preston Crowmarsh, and allows safe access to the site without crossing major roads
- A marshy area with wetland plants and a small pond
- A Hazel coppice providing suitable poles for garden use
- A wildflower area crisscrossed with access paths
- A picnic bench and separate bench

Technical Summary

Habitat: A mixture of marsh, hazel coppice, wild flowers and trees.

Recreation value: high

Management Summary

Designated as a nature reserve owned by the Parish Council. Used for enjoyment of nature and the outdoors. Also used for the very popular annual moth breakfast and other nature exploration activities. Has been used in the recent past for informal meetings.

Management Activities

- Regular mowing of paths during the spring, summer and autumn
- Tree maintenance of both Hazel and Willows
- Late summer cutting of flower meadow and removal of arisings
- Maintenance of boardwalk and possible replacement
- Maintenance of small pond

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