

# How to find The Lodge Field and The Beeches Local Nature Reserves



## The Lodge Field



Managing the habitat has enabled the numbers of orchids counted to rise from 19 to over 2000 in 15 years.



The Lodge Field organises an annual community picnic. Why not come and help organise it?



Both groups organise regular work days to maintain the fields. We always welcome new volunteers.

The Lodge Field and The Beeches field and pitmound form part of a 'green corridor' along the north edge of the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site.

Green corridors are environmentally important for all sorts of wildlife. They provide and link a wide range of habitats for plants, butterflies, insects and animals that rely on them, allowing species to migrate and disperse. They also provide a calm breathing space for local communities.

The fields are managed by two small groups of volunteers who look after the reserves in partnership with Telford and Wrekin Council who own the land. The groups hold regular work parties; clearing invasive plants such as brambles, and maintaining suitable habitats for wildflowers, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and amphibians.

Volunteers monitor all these species regularly. We have been pleased in particular by the huge increase in orchid numbers over the years.

**Come and join us and get involved in work days, plant and wildlife surveys, photography, organising the annual picnic and various other projects.**

Meanwhile, please enjoy the area with respect for all the plants and animals that you may come across here.

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## The Lodge Field and The Beeches Local Nature Reserves, Ironbridge

The Beeches field



The Beeches Field group raised money to dredge the old pond.



The pond now provides a much better natural environment.



Both groups organise surveys, the more volunteers the better.



The fields provide great opportunities for local photographers.

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