



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.



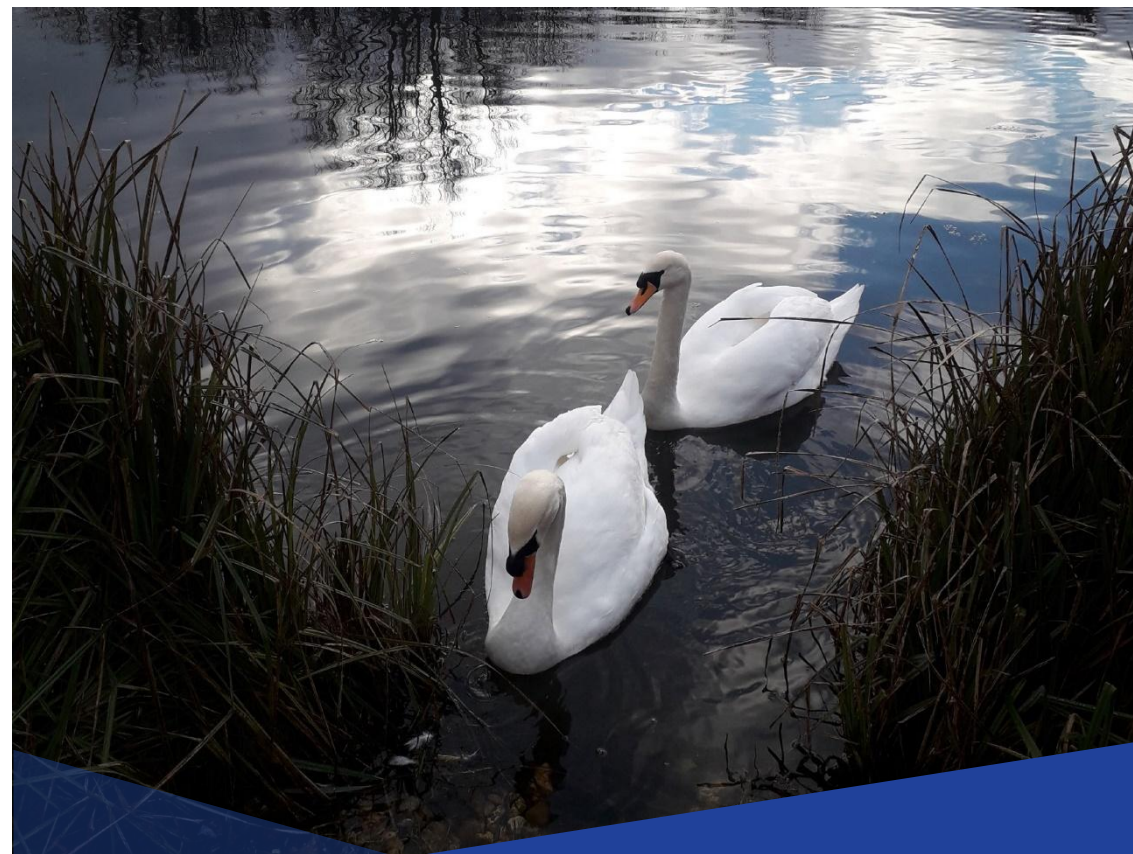
Rooksbury Mill LNR, Andover
Grid reference: SU356443
 Rooksbury Mill, also formed through gravel extraction and once a trout fishery, now plays host to a variety of wildlife including otters, water voles and kingfishers. Its mosaic of chalk grassland and riparian habitats provide a rich diversity of wildlife.

Harewood Common, Andover
Grid reference: SU357466
 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
Grid reference: SU357466
 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.

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

Local Conservation Groups
The Anton River Conservation Association (TARCA)

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2025 to help maintain and enhance our green spaces.

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

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Date	Time	Task	Venue	Meeting Place (what3words)
Thur 8th Jan	10am- 2pm	General Site Maintenance	Bury Hill Meadows	Car park: //loser.waddle.pilots
Sun 11th Jan	10am- 2pm	Wildlife Corridor Clean-Up	Ox Drove Meadows	Picket Piece sports ground: ///guitar.thighs.jubilant
Sat 24 th Jan	10am- 2pm	Pathway coppicing	Harewood Common	Car park by P20 Co-op: ///backdrop.screamed.shallower
Thur 5th Feb	10am- 2pm	Hedgerow Rejuvenation	Ladies Walk LNR	Hedge End Road playing field: //gain.loft.fire
Sun 8th Feb	10am- 2pm	Coppicing	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Sun 22nd Feb	10am- 2pm	Watercress bed Maintenance	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Thur 5th March	10am- 2pm	Woody Debris Mattress Creation	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Sat 28th March	10am- 2pm	General Site Maintenance	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Sun 12th April	10am- 2pm	Big Litter Pick	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Mon 4th May	5am onwards	Dawn chorus	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Sun 17th May	10am- 2pm	Big Litter Pick	Town Centre	Car park rear of ASDA: ///canny.movies.hunt
Sat 13th June	10am- 2pm	Non-native Species Removal	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Sun 12th July	10am- 2pm	Butterfly Discovery Day	Bury Hill Meadows	Car park: //loser.waddle.pilots
Sat 1st Aug	10am- 2pm	Discovery Day	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Sun 16th Aug	10am- 2pm	Summer walk	East Anton to Smannell	Sports ground car park: ///tearfully.dozens.sporting
Sun 23rd Aug	10am- 2pm	Non-native species removal	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Fri 28th Aug	Pre-booked only	Bat Walk	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Sat 5th Sept	10am- 2pm	General Site Maintenance	Harewood Common	Car park by P20 Co-op: ///backdrop.screamed.shallower
Fri 11th Sept	Pre-booked only	Bat Walk	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Sun 20th Sept	10am- 2pm	Autumn Tasks	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Thur 1st Oct	10am- 2pm	Scrub Removal	Ladies Walk LNR	Hedge End Road playing field: //gain.loft.fire
Sat 10th Oct	10am- 2pm	Scrub Removal	Ladies Walk LNR	Hedge End Road playing field: //gain.loft.fire
Sun 25th Oct	10am- 2pm	ASDA riverbank cutting	Behind ASDA	Car park rear of ASDA: ///canny.movies.hunt
Thur 5th Nov	10am- 2pm	Coppicing	Harewood Common	Car park by P20 Co-op: ///backdrop.screamed.shallower
Sat 14th Nov	10am- 2pm	Coppicing and woody debris mattress creation	Anton Lakes LNR	Car park: ///warthog.code.starch
Sun 29th Nov	10am- 2pm	Winter Tasks	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Thur 3rd Dec	10am- 2pm	Winter Tasks	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank
Sat 12th Dec	10am- 2pm	Winter Tasks	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Car park: ///town.rider.rank

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.