



Information for the Visitor Information Centre

Exploring Nature in Church Stretton

Church Stretton has much to offer nature lovers, all easily accessible by foot from the centre of town. This includes two nature reserves, a wetland meadow and a 16 acre organic grassland site offering wonderful views of the town and Long Mynd.

Please keep dogs under control at all times when visiting these sites and clean up after them to protect their flora & fauna.

Rectory Wood and Fields Nature Reserve - entrance off Church Street



Rectory Wood and Field provide a cool and calm haven of tranquillity for people and wildlife close to the town centre. The area is part woodland and part meadow, with paths around it. It was formally declared a Local Nature Reserve in March 2022.

Leaflet available

More Information: <https://www.churchstretton-tc.gov.uk/town-council-services/rectory-wood-fields/>

Coppice Leasowes Nature Reserve - entrance via Sandford Avenue Park or Watling Street North

The reserve contains a mosaic of habitats including grasslands with wet flushes, streams, mature deciduous woodland, hedges and a wetland area. It is divided into two by the A49. Both areas are grazed by cattle during the late summer months as part of the management of the site.

Leaflet available



More Information: <https://www.churchstretton-tc.gov.uk/town-council-services/coppice-leasowes/>



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High Leasowes - entrance off Watling Street North or Coppice Leasowes, east side of the A49

High Leasowes is a 16 acre organic grassland site which borders Coppice Leasowes. It was bought by public donations in 2023 through Middle Marches Land Trust and is managed by local volunteers. It lies beneath the slopes of Caer Caradoc and Helmeth Wood and has wonderful views of the Long Mynd to the west. The site comprises three fields divided by ancient hedgerows rich in life.



More Information: www.highleasowes.com

Cudwell Meadow - entrance off Cemetery Road



Cudwell Meadow is a 3 acre wetland wildflower meadow bought by public donations through Middle Marches Land Trust and is managed by local volunteers. Over 150 flora species, 78 invertebrates and 11 mammal species (3 of them on the BAP - Biodiversity Action Plan - priority list) have so far been recorded in the meadow.

The meadow can be viewed from the road en route to the cemetery. Visitors are welcome on Sundays in the summer months. A boardwalk which crosses the wetlands can also be found off Ludlow Road, just before Cemetery Road.

To protect flora and fauna, dogs are not allowed.

More Information: <https://www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group/>

Nature Groups in the Strettons

You can find out more about the nature groups that are involved in appreciating, recording and conserving the diverse species and habitats found in the Strettons on their website at www.natureinthestrettons.org.uk.