



Meeting Kings Barton Forum

Date and Time Tuesday, 19th October, 2021 at 6.00 pm.

6. Barton Meadows update from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust - Presentation (Pages 3 - 14)



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Barton Meadows – an update

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Nick Reed-Beale, Bea Walecki and John Durnell

Agenda Item 6



The history of the site

- Previously intensive arable
- Land set aside for Biodiversity net gain due to new development by Cala homes
- Reseeded in 2017
- Now a thriving restoration project



Barton's Meadow - Year 4

- Locally appreciated
- Fantastic for wildlife
- Helping with ecosystem services





Functioning Ecosystem



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- Improving soils and water
- Significant increase in biodiversity
- Proving to be a successful restoration
- Wildlife returning



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Invertebrate Heaven

- Bees and butterflies thriving
 - Good for pollination locally
- Birds and bats benefiting from the bounty.

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Barton Meadows and Bats

- 12 of 18 species recorded in 2019
- Locally important habitat
- Rich food source
- Corridor between habitat
- Roosting opportunities



Grazing

Conservation grazing, what is it?

- Sheep/Lambs
- Cattle
- Importance of separation from dogs
- New areas of potential grazing



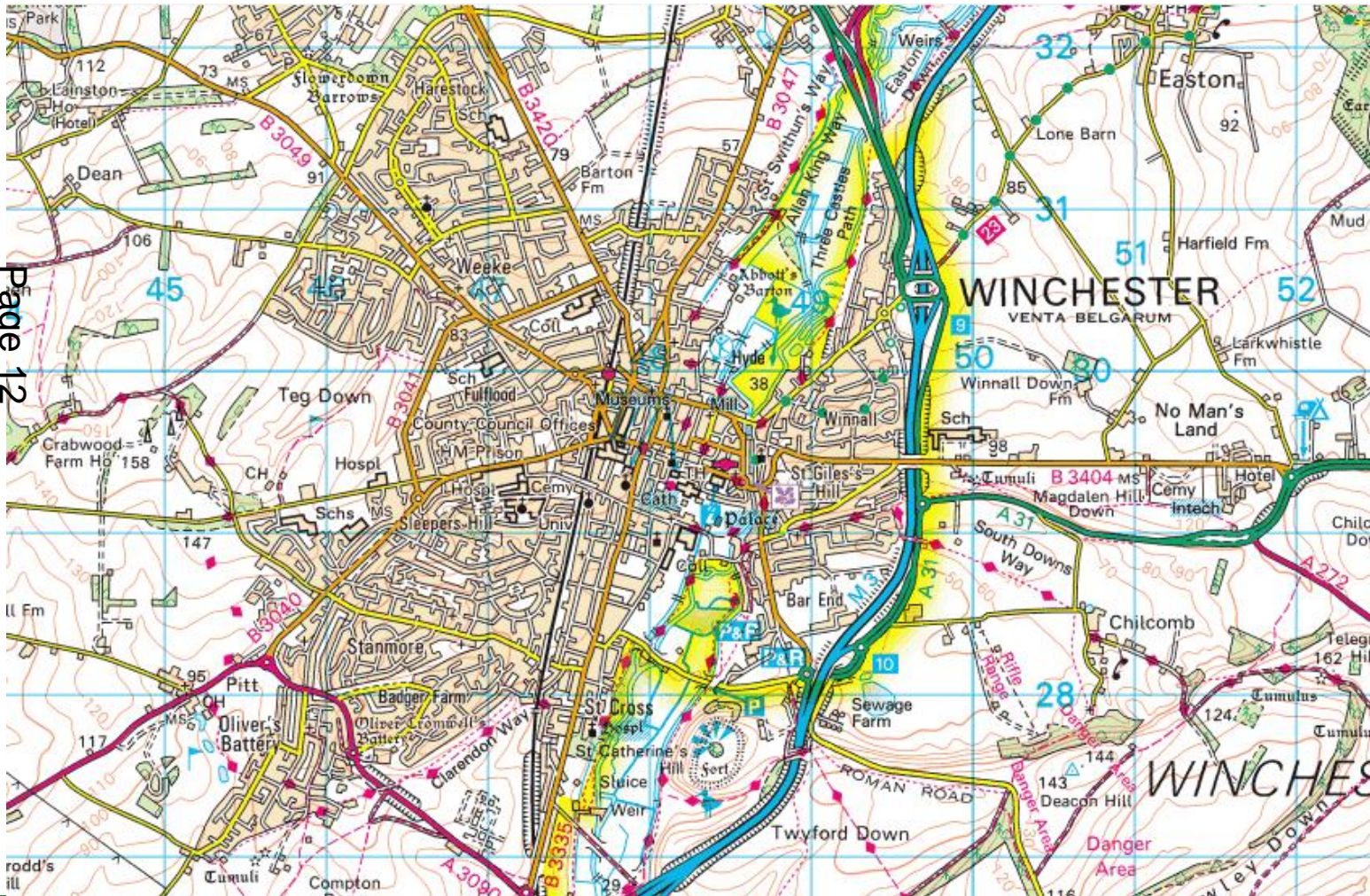
Public access

- Permissive and public foot paths
- Surfaced cycle way
- local greenspace
- Countryside site, not a park
- Core objectives are aimed at benefiting wildlife and people

HIWWT reserves in and around Winchester – green space and infrastructure



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The Future of the site



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