

BERKSHIRE LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES SURVEY REPORT
2025 SURVEY SEASON

LAND AT KENTWOOD AND ARMOUR HILLS pLWS

SU67S02



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1. About TVERC

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) are a not-for-profit organisation covering Berkshire and Oxfordshire. We are run by a partnership and are one of a national network of local records centres. We are a member of the Association of Local Records Centres (ALERC) and the National Biodiversity Network (NBN). Our funding partners include all the local authorities in Oxfordshire & Berkshire plus the Environment Agency. We also work closely with BBOWT.

We provide our funding partners with annually updated species and sites information and undertake surveys of Local Wildlife Sites. We also conduct data analysis for the monitoring of local authority Local Plans. We provide information to parish councils, local people, conservation bodies, landowners, students and commercial organisations such as ecological consultants and utilities companies via data searches, data licensing and data exchanges.

The Local Wildlife Sites Project

Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) are areas of land recognised for having high wildlife value containing rare or threatened habitats and species. Berkshire has over 720 LWS covering approximately 10% of the county. Berkshire's LWS are home to a rich variety of wildlife, and are considered to be of county, if not national importance. The Berkshire Local Wildlife Sites project is a partnership between TVERC and local authorities, working alongside landowners and conservation bodies to help conserve the LWS in Berkshire. The project aims to identify the best quality sites for wildlife across Berkshire. Those that fit the selection criteria are notified as LWS through a process of ecological survey and assessment.

The Purpose of LWS Surveys and This Report

The surveys we conduct of LWS are designed to be relatively rapid, with the aim of gaining a general overview of the habitats and species present. The survey methodology we use provides a focus on summarising the plant species we observe during the survey (alongside any incidental animal observations we make), rather than achieving a comprehensive list of all species currently present within the site. Photos are taken (most are in **Appendix 3**) and target notes (TN) are made (See **Appendix 4**).

This report is designed to set out a summary of the findings from the most recent ecological survey of a LWS, which will include reference to any habitats and species found within the site that are priorities for conservation recognised through the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act. The report also provides a species list of all species observed and identified during the survey (see **Appendix 1**).

The purpose of this report is both to inform the landowner of what has been found on their land and notify an independent selection panel of the findings from the survey. This panel is responsible for determining whether each site surveyed meets the current LWS selection criteria, and this survey and report therefore better informs their decision.

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SITE NAME:

Land at Kentwood and Armour Hills

SITE CODE:

SU67S02

CENTRAL GRID REFERENCE:

SU67187428

DATE SITE SURVEYED:

15/04/2025

SURVEYOR(S):

Rob Curtis

DISTRICT / UNITARY:

Reading

PARISH / WARD:

Kentwood

ASSESSMENT OF SURVEY (incl. time taken, weather conditions and any limitations)

3 hours

Overcast - chance of rain, 14°C,

SITE STATUS (At time of survey):

LWS	pLWS	pLWS EX	LNR	NNR	SSSI	pSSSI	BBOWT res.
BOA	AONB	RIGS	SPA	SAC	Common Land	Private Land	Other

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT:

In suburban Reading

SITE AREA (Ha):

2.36

MAJOR ASPECT:

North-east as well as down into The Withies

MAJOR SLOPE:

Steeply sloping

ALTITUDE (m):

70 -90 m

GEOLOGY (solid / drift from Geology maps)

Bedrock: Lambeth Group - Clay, silt and sand

Superficial: Head - Gravel, sand, silt and clay

NOTES ON SOILS AND/OR SITE DRAINAGE

Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils. More base rich to the north-east

SPECIAL INTEREST OF SITE:

Potential lowland deciduous mixed woodland

2. Site Description

Habitats on site (Phase 1 and/or S41 habitat of principal importance)	Adjacent land use / habitat (Phase 1 classification)	Boundaries to site (river, ditch, fence, hedgerow etc.)
Broadleaved woodland	Gardens	Hedgerow
Scrub	Allotment	Fence
	Builders Yard	
	Playing Field	
See Appendix 2 for habitat map		

1.1 Brief Overview

This site is in the Kentwood ward, within the west of Reading with roads on two sides. It is adjacent to allotments, gardens and a playing field. A builders yard borders the south east end. Together with the allotments and recreation ground the site was inclosed under an 1811 act as land allotted for the benefit of the poor. Most of the proposed LWS used to be part of an old piggery until the late 1990s. Remains of this can still be found in the site. There are 3 other LWS which are also designated as Local Nature Reserves within 1km. See Figure 1 below and Figure 2 for a more detailed aerial.

Although it can be viewed from the allotments and pavements, the site is not publicly accessible. The site consists of dense patches of Bramble scrub especially at the edges and on Armour Hill. There's some more mature trees including Ash and Crack-willow in the lowest part of the site known as The Withies with a few mature Oaks nearer to the boundaries. Younger trees including Cherry, Common Sallow and Sycamore characterise the woodland on Kentwood Hill with a few specimen conifers. The ground flora is fairly species poor characterised by Nettle and Garlic Mustard with a few representatives of other widespread species.

There's a fenced off area of woodland under different ownership in the east on Armour Hill. This contains more tree species characterised by Ash with Oak, Sweet Chestnut and some Hawthorn. The thin strip of proposed woodland to the east contains Beech and Ash with a moderate sub-canopy of Hazel and Holly. Again, in both places the ground flora was species-poor with no ancient woodland indicators found.

There were only 3 woodland indicator species recorded: Holly, Wild Cherry and Red Currant.

Figure 1 Overview of land at Kentwood and Armour Hills with surrounding area and other sites

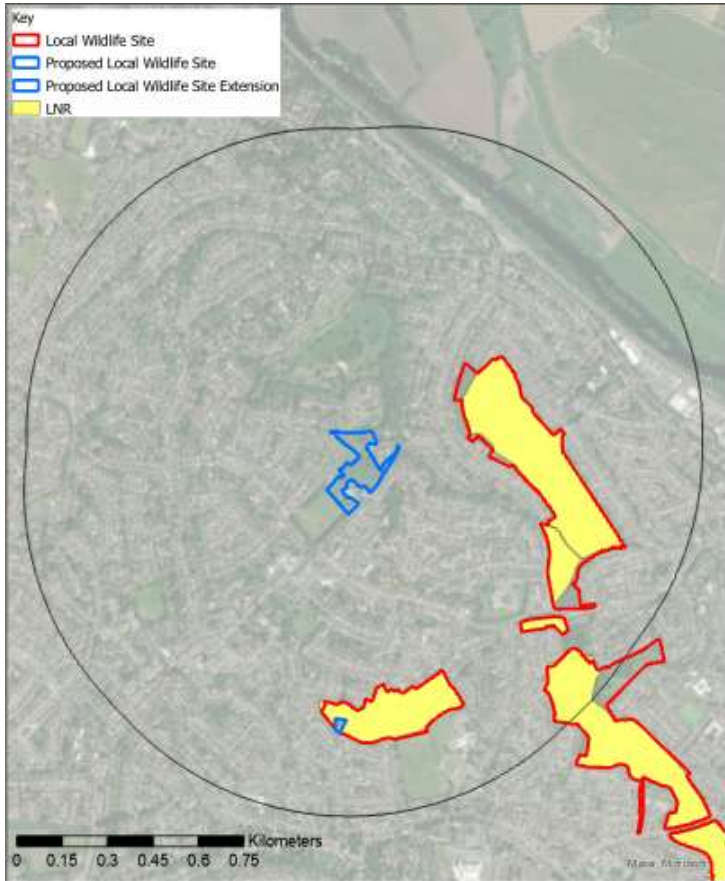
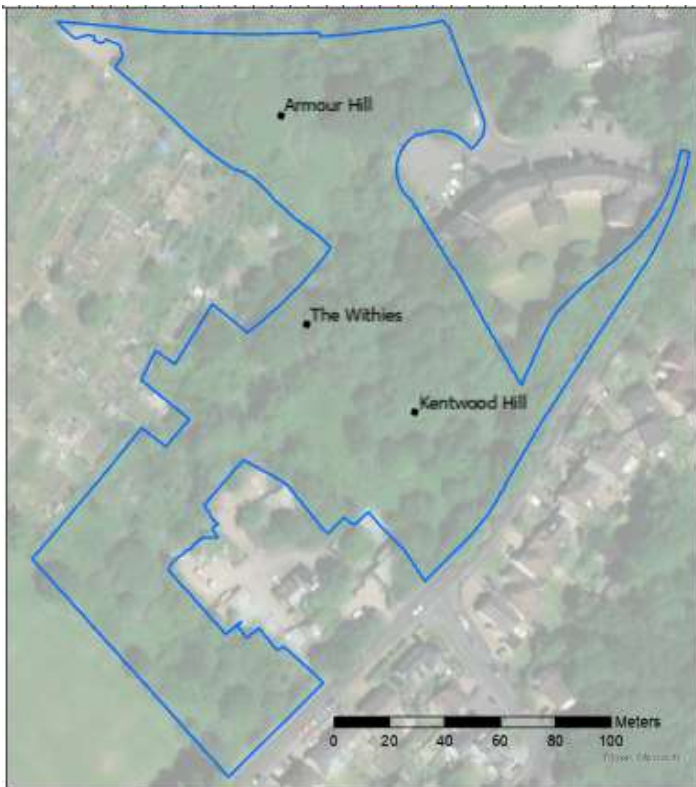


Figure 2 Overview of land at Kentwood and Armour Hills



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1.2 Detailed Description

Scrub

Bramble makes up the majority of the area especially around the edges of the site where it is dense and impenetrable. At the southern end this is broken up by some fairly young Ash, Cherry, Common Sallow and Sycamore. Nettle is abundant with frequent Garlic Mustard and Ground Elder, occasional Green Alkanet, and a little Lords-and-ladies (TN1, Photo 1). Bramble occurs in the east of the site and links up with a small area of Nettle and some Bracken (TN5, TN6, Photo 6). In the north of the site Bramble dominates the area known as Armour Hill. Mainly in the bottom there's an area of abundant Nettle, Cleavers, a little Hogweed, Greater Willowherb and Creeping Thistle (Photo 8 below). There is some Bracken on the brow of the hill with Butterfly-bush adjacent to the allotments. The oldest Oaks are at the boundary with the wood in the north with some young Cherries and Dog-rose. More Cherries covered with Ivy and Hedge Bindweed are in the corner (TN7, TN8).

Photo 8 – Bramble scrub and Nettle



Broadleaved Woodland

Most of the woodland is relatively young in the site. There are occasional Oaks which are relatively mature on the boundaries (TN4, TN7, Photo 7). In the lowest parts of the site known as The Withies there's some fairly large Crack-willow, Ivy-covered old Wild Cherry, and a few big Ash (Photo 2 below, Photo 3 on cover). Common Sallow is frequent where the ground is softer (Photo 4). There's also frequent Hawthorn with younger Sycamore, some Elder and a little Wilson's Honeysuckle in the understorey. It's quite dense and impenetrable in places producing a variable structure. The field layer is dominated by Bramble with some Nettle. Other ground flora includes a little Green Alkanet, Soft Rush, Lords-and-ladies, Ivy and Moss sp. Where there's a trickle of water there's occasional Lesser Celandine, Bitter-cress sp. and Creeping Buttercup (TN2, TN3). On higher ground known as Kentwood Hill the canopy consists of young Sycamore and Ash with slightly older Common Sallow. Ground flora is quite species poor with frequent Garlic Mustard, occasional Nettle and a little Lords-and-ladies (TN4, Photo 5 below). There are extensive signs of Badger on the slope.

Photo 2 – Woodland structure below builders yard



Photo 5 – Woodland structure on Kentwood Hill



Other photos referenced in the descriptions can be found in **Appendix 3**.

To the south-eastern edge it's mainly leaf litter but there's occasional Cock's-foot, Annual Meadow-grass and young Bramble under the trees. There's more remains of the piggery and other rubbish here (TN6).

The woodland block in the north on Armour Hill has quite an open structure. Most of the trees are Ivy-covered. It contains a lot of big Ash, some Oak with a little Sweet Chestnut, Scots Pine, Norway Maple and Leylandii in the canopy. In the sub-canopy, Hawthorn is present with some young Sycamore, a small clump of Hazel and there's some Snowberry. The species poor ground flora amongst the leaf litter is dominated by Nettle, frequent Garlic Mustard, some relatively young Bramble and Lords-and-ladies (TN9, Photo 9).

A thin strip of woodland in the east which narrows to a hedgerow has a different character. Mostly Beech of a uniform size and Hazel; there's also some Ash, Holly and Blackthorn where it joins the main site. Ivy dominates the ground flora with occasional Lords-and-ladies (TN10, Photo 10).

1.3 Fauna

A range of birds were recorded comprising the widespread Magpie, Woodpigeon¹, Collared Dove, Red Kite², Great Tit and Blue Tit. Great Spotted Woodpecker and Stock Dove¹ were using the cavities present. Robin, Dunnock¹, Wren¹, Blackbird and Song Thrush¹ were in the undergrowth as were singing Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler¹. Grey Squirrel³ was the only mammal recorded and there were signs of Badger.

¹**Amber Listed** (RSPB, 2021): species whose breeding / non-breeding population or range has declined moderately in recent years (25-50%); or the population has declined historically but made a substantial recent recovery; rare breeders and those with localised populations.

²**Wildlife and Countryside Act** (1981): Schedule 1 listed for special legal protection

³**Wildlife and Countryside Act** (1981): Schedule 9 listed for invasive species

2. Habitat indicator species and protected species records

The site contains some woodland but there were only 3 indicators of lowland mixed deciduous woodland (Table 1).

Table 1: Indicator species for lowland mixed deciduous woodland

Indicator	Taxon name	Common name	2025
Indicator	Ilex aquifolium	Holly	X
Indicator	Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	X
Indicator	Ribes rubrum	Red Currant	X
Total			3

Some of the protected and notable species records include the birds I noted and those recorded by others including ecological consultants to the site (Table 2 below). There are a lot of bat species records. All of which are calls either heard from mobile detectors or recorded by static detectors. Eight of these species were recorded by ecological consultants between April and October in 2023. Five of these species were recorded on 3 or more occasions (Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule, Nathusius Pipistrelle and Serotine). The rare Barbastelle had three contacts throughout the seven-month survey period. There were no roost searches undertaken by the consultancy. Records made in 2024 and the 2023 Natterer's Bat were made by members of the bat group on the edge of the site.

Table 2: Protected and notable species records

Taxon Group	Taxon name	Common name	Last recorded Year	Status
Beetles	Lucanus cervus	Stag Beetle	2019	HabDir-A2np, WACA-Sch5-s9.5a, NERC-S41
Amphibians	Bufo bufo	Common Toad	2022	WACA-Sch5-s9.5a, NERC-S41
Amphibians	Rana temporaria	Common Frog	2022	HabDir-A5, WACA-Sch5-s9.5a
Reptiles	Anguis fragilis	Slow-worm	2022	WACA-Sch5-s9.1k/s9.5a, NERC-S41
Birds	Accipiter nisus	Sparrowhawk	2022	Bird-Amber
Birds	Columba oenas	Stock Dove	2025	Bird-Amber
Birds	Columba palumbus	Woodpigeon	2025	Bird-Amber
Birds	Chloris chloris	Greenfinch	2023	Bird-Red
Birds	Curruca communis	Whitethroat	2024	Bird-Amber
Birds	Milvus milvus	Red Kite	2025	BirdsDir-A1, WACA-Sch1-p1, RL-Global-post2001-NT
Birds	Passer domesticus	House Sparrow	2024	NERC-S41, Bird-Red
Birds	Phylloscopus trochilus	Willow Warbler	2025	Bird-Amber
Birds	Prunella modularis	Dunnock	2025	NERC-S41, Bird-Amber
Birds	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Bullfinch	2023	NERC-S41, Bird-Amber
Birds	Strix aluco	Tawny Owl	2023	Bird-Amber

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Birds	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Starling	2022	NERC-S41, Bird-Red
Birds	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	2025	Bird-Amber
Birds	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	2024	WACA-Sch1-p1, Bird-Amber
Birds	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	2025	NERC-S41, Bird-Amber
Birds	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	2023	WACA-Sch1-p1, Bird-Red
Birds	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	2022	Bird-Red
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>	Barbastelle	2023	UK Priority species-2007, Bern-A2, CMS_A2, CMS_EUROBATS-A1, England_NERC_S.41, HabDir-A2*, HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, RedList_GB_Vulnerable, WACA-Sch5_sect9.4b, WACA-Sch5_sect9.5a, WACA-Sch5Sect9.4c
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>	Serotine	2023	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b, RL-GB-post2001-VU
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Myotis sp.</i>	Myotis Bat species	2023	HabDir-A2np, HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b, NERC-S41, RL-GB-post2001-CR
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Myotis nattereri</i>	Natterer's Bat	2023	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>	Noctule	2024	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/ s9.5b, NERC-S41
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Pipistrellus nathusii</i>	Nathusius Pipistrelle	2023	Bern-A2, CMS_A2, CMS_EUROBATS-A1, HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, RedList_GB_Near Threatened, WACA-Sch5_sect9.4b, WACA-Sch5_sect9.5a, WACA-Sch5Sect9.4c
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Common Pipistrelle	2024	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>	Soprano Pipistrelle	2024	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/ s9.5b, NERC-S41
Mammals - Terrestrial (bats)	<i>Plecotus sp.</i>	Long-eared Bat	2023	HabDir-A4, HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/ s9.5b, NERC-S41
Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	Hedgehog	2023	NERC-S41, RL-GB-post2001-VU
Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Meles meles</i>	Badger	2025	Badgers-1992

3. Ecological assessment & management suggestions

3.1 Present use and management of site

Use: None

Management body: Private

Management: Paths were cut through the Bramble in previous year to facilitate access.

Other details: Part of the land is earmarked for a housing development.

3.2 Condition assessment

The site has a variable habitat structure. There are a few open areas contrasting with the Bramble scrub. A little water can access the site, although this was no more than a trickle at the time of survey with few plant indicators. Opening up the low growing willow could lead to more species. However, the field layer under the trees is species-poor. Disturbance from previous land-use is likely to be the main reason. Only 5 species are abundant or frequently found: Nettle, Ivy, Garlic Mustard, Ground-elder and Lords-and-ladies. There is a lot of rubbish; mainly from its use as a piggery but also recent litter. There are 3 indicator species but some Cherries and the Red Currant could have originally been from the allotments.

There are some positive elements to the site. The dense Bramble is used by a relatively large number of birds including warblers. There are some mature trees especially those on the boundary as well as others in The Withies. From the records of foraging bats some could be roosting on site. In my survey, some of the Oak, Crack-willow and Ash had bat roost potential with holes and cracks present. Other trees have trunks obscured by dense Ivy. Dead wood is also present which will be utilized by invertebrates such as the previously recorded Stag Beetle.

Records of at least 5 of these species (Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule, Nathusius Pipistrelle and Serotine) were recorded on 3 or more occasions in 2023. So that could be enough to warrant designation as a LWS.

4. Recommendations

Type of recommendation	Tick	Description
Boundary change	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LWS Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional surveys	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5. List of Appendices

APPENDIX 1: SPECIES LIST

APPENDIX 2: HABITAT MAP

APPENDIX 3: PHOTOGRAPHS

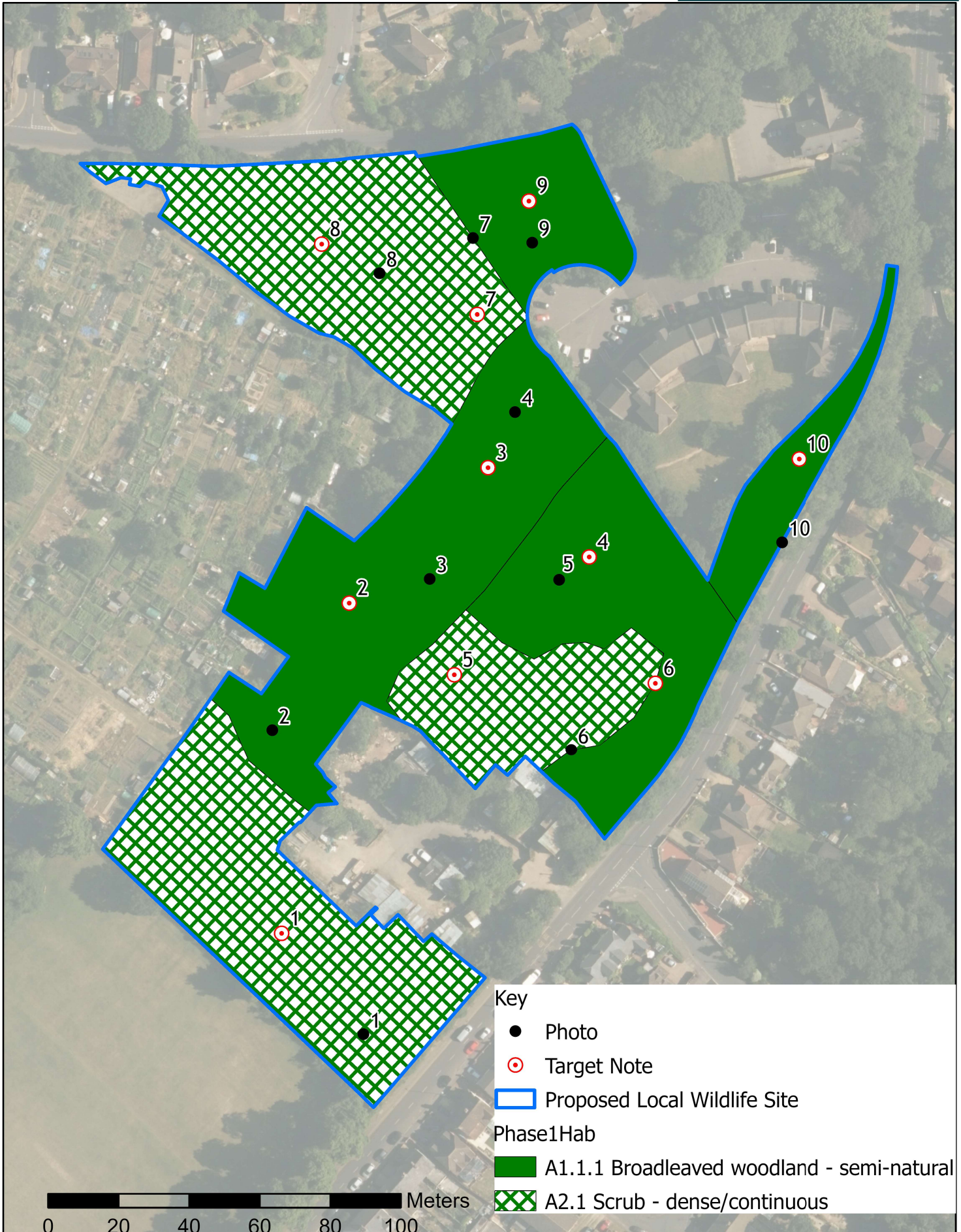
APPENDIX 4: TARGET NOTES

APPENDIX 1 BERKSHIRE LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE SURVEY REPORT: SPECIES LIST
Land at Kentwood and Armour Hills (SU67S02)

Taxon group	Scientific Name	English Name	Abundance	Date	Recorder
Conifers	<i>Cuprocyparis leylandii</i>	Leyland Cypress	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Conifers	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Conifers	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Conifers	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground-elder	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse-chestnut	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-ladies	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Bambusa</i>	Bamboo	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False-brome	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly-bush	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	LF	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Cardamine</i>	Bitter-Cress	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's-nightshade	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	Lesser Celandine	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-Robert	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Glyceria fluitans</i>	Floating Sweet-grass	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Helleborus Foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-fog	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish Bluebell	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Juglans regis</i>	Walnut	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft-rush	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Purple Toadflax	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Lonicera nitida</i>	Wilson's Honeysuckle	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Narcissus sp.</i>	Cultivated Daffodil	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet	LF	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry Laurel	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis

Flowering Plants	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	LF	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>	Red Currant	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Bramble	D	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Common Sallow	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack-willow	F	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Common Comfrey	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Taraxacum officinale agg.</i>	Dandelion	O	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	A	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Flowering Plants	<i>Vinca major</i>	Greater Periwinkle	R	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Stock Dove	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Woodpigeon	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Blue Tit	2	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Pica pica</i>	Magpie	2	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock	5	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Collared Dove	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	4	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird	2	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Birds	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Mammals	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Grey Squirrel	1	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis
Mammals	<i>Meles meles</i>	Badger	setts	15/04/2025	Rob Curtis

**Appendix 2 SU67S02 land at Kentwood and Armour Hills
Phase 1 habitat map**



**APPENDIX 3 BERKSHIRE LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE SURVEY REPORT: PHOTOGRAPHS
LAND AT KENTWOOD AND ARMOUR HILLS (SU67S02) 15/04/2025**



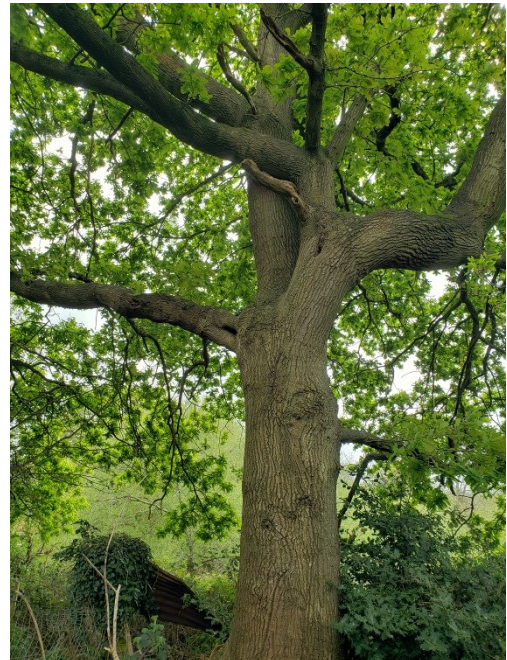
Bramble and trees in the south of the site (Photo 1)



Woodland in the dip (The Withies) (Photo 4)



Bramble and young trees in the east of the site with piggery remains (Photo 6)



One of the oldest trees present on site (Photo 7)



Woodland structure in the north of the site (Photo 9)



Beech along the eastern boundary (Photo 10)

APPENDIX 4 BERKSHIRE LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE SURVEY REPORT: TARGET NOTES

LAND AT KENTWOOD AND ARMOUR HILLS (SU67S02)

15/04/2025

1. Bramble scrub is dense and impenetrable around the edge. There's a few fairly young Ash, Cherry, Common Sallow and Sycamore. Nettle is abundant with frequent Garlic Mustard and Ground Elder, occasional Green Alkanet, a little Lords-and-ladies and Stinking Hellebore. There's a lot of rubbish about on site. The land used to be a piggery.
2. Woodland. Ivy-covered old Cherry and some fairly large Crack-willow with younger Sycamore and some Elder. There's a few relatively mature Oaks near the edge. Badger sett in this area. Bramble dominates the field layer with some Nettle.
3. In the bottom of the wood there's frequent Common Sallow with a little Elder and Wilson's Honeysuckle. The ground is soft mud with a trickle of water. Nettle is locally abundant with occasional Lesser Celandine, Bitter-cress sp. and Creeping Buttercup. There's also a few big Ashs and frequent Hawthorn. In places this is quite dense with little vegetation in the field layer including some Bramble, a little Green Alkanet, Soft Rush, Lords-and-ladies, Ivy and Moss sp.
4. On higher ground there's a few mature Oak by the north-west fence, otherwise the canopy consists of young Sycamore, Ash and slightly older Common Sallow. Evidence of Badger workings here as well.
5. A small open area characterised by Nettle and some clumps of Bracken that's mostly last year's old growth.
6. Some dense Bramble and then a relatively open area of young woodland to the south with Ash and Sycamore. It's mainly leaf litter in the ground flora but there's occasional Cock's-foot, Annual Meadow-grass and young Bramble. There's more remains of the piggery and other rubbish here.
7. Dense Bramble with some bracken on the brow of the hill. Buddleja is at the edge adjoining the allotments. Along the edge by the fenced area of woodland there's the most mature Oaks found in the site with a little False-brome underneath then downhill from here is some Dog-rose and Cherry species.
8. Dominated by Bramble with abundant Nettle, Cleavers, a little Hogweed, Greater Willowherb and Creeping Thistle in the gaps. In the corner there's some Cherries covered with some Ivy with more Bramble, Nettle and Hedge Bindweed. On the boundary with the road there's Hazel, Cherry, Ash and Hawthorn.
9. This fenced off woodland has quite an open structure. Mainly Ivy-covered, it contains a lot of big Ash, some Oak and a little Sweet Chestnut, Scots Pine, Norway Maple and Leylandii in the canopy. Hawthorn is present with some young Sycamore, a small clump of Hazel and there's some Snowberry. The ground flora is poor dominated by Nettle, frequent Garlic Mustard, some relatively young Bramble and Lords-and-ladies amongst the leaf litter.
10. Most of this thin strip consists of Beech with Hazel near the roadside fence. Ivy dominates the ground flora with occasional Lords-and-ladies. Ash characterises the wood where it joins to the main site with Holly and some Blackthorn in the understorey.