

# Let's Explore Hartlebury Common



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# Hartlebury Common



You will find Hartlebury Common on the edge of Stourport-On-Severn.



Worcestershire County Council own the site and they also manage it.



Hartlebury Common Local Group help too. They are all volunteers who have work days at the common and they also run projects.



It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest - this is sometimes called a SSSI for short.

It is an interesting site which goes back to the Iron Age.

There is sandy soil, heathland, grassland, two ponds, a bog and woodland.



Lots of plants and flowers grow there and there is lots of wildlife.

It is the largest heathland in Worcestershire.

# Hartlebury Common Local Group



The group was set up in 2006.

We have monthly meetings to talk about natural history related to the common.

## This is what we do:



- help to keep the common healthy
- raise awareness about nature, we are also interested in geology, geography, archaeology and history too.



- work with Worcestershire County Council Countryside Service and talk to Natural England.

- take on projects
- to tell local people about opportunities like:



- work parties on the common
- work with schools
- activities for all people, including older people and people with disabilities

# Exploring the common - what you might find

There are lots of interesting things that you might find when you visit the common:

## Plants and Flowers



There are lots of wild flowers and plants to see including heathers.

You will also find trees like Oak and Silver Birch.



There are also grasses, mosses and lichens, if you look closer.

## Mushrooms and Toadstools



Mushrooms and Toadstools are also called fungi.

In the autumn, you will find red topped mushrooms with white dots – very poisonous!



There are also some with orange & brown tops, these turn pale yellow as they grow older.

Some mushrooms turn black on the top as they grow older.

# Exploring the common - what you might find

## Birds

Over 100 types of birds have been seen on the common and around the pool and woodland.

These are some you might find:



✓ **Yellowhammers**



✓ **Common Whitethroats**



✓ **Spotted Flycatchers**



✓ **Green Woodpeckers**



✓ **Kestrels**



✓ **Kingfishers**

## Mammals on Hartlebury Common



There are lots of mammals that live on the common but only some like to come out of their homes at night.

## Other things to look out for



✓ Reptiles and Amphibians



✓ Bees and Wasps



✓ Butterflies



✓ Moths



✓ Grasshoppers and Crickets



✓ Dragonflies and Damselflies



✓ Beetles



## ✓ Long Horn Cattle

These are cattle that wander freely across the common.



They are quiet and friendly and are used to people and dogs.

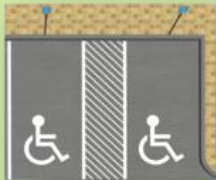


## How to find us:

Hartlebury Common is on the **B4193** - the Stourport to Hartlebury Road.



Our postcode is: **DY13 9JB**.



There are brown and white tourist signs to Wilden Top Car Park.

There are parking areas for people who are disabled.



The site is not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters or pushchairs.

There is a picnic area with wheelchair friendly tables at Wilden Top car park with flat grass which is good for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

