

OTHER CHARACTER AREAS



OVERVIEW

The remainder of the site forms un-quarried areas to the west and east: these display a mix of characteristics from open elevated fields to the west to more intimate woodland / wetland areas to the east. Small traditional Devon Linhays will be located through these areas and the whole site to perform various recreational and maintenance functions.

LANDSCAPE

The Limekilns

- This area will be left unchanged with access for walkers and mountain bikers.
- A Heritage Trail is proposed – limekilns, chimney and water wheel.
- The woodland will be managed - protected by a Tree Preservation Order and County Wildlife Site designation.
- Visitor shelter, coarse fishing, artificial bat cave, Otter viewing area.

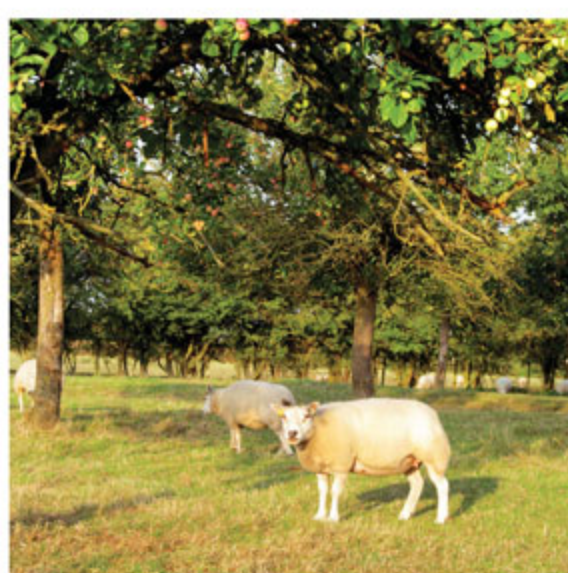


Look and feel

South Eastern Fields

- Publically accessible Venn Cross Nature Reserve (existing County Wildlife Site to be extended and enhanced) connected to the Tarka Trail.
- Public access to cafe, visitor shelter and interpretation material proposed at Venn Cross.
- Adventure playground & bushcraft area with public access.
- Traditional Mazzard orchards will be retained and extended.
- New water-based landscapes and bird hide will be formed to the east.

- Existing vegetation reinforced and extended.
- Recreation activities – adventure and natural play areas, mountain biking, geological trail, footpaths, picnic and viewing areas.
- Footbridge link with the Stockyard.



Look and feel

Western Heights

- This area wraps around Bailey's Pit in an elevated position.
- Focus on recreation and nature conservation.
- Existing vegetation to be enhanced and extended, including new small woodlands.
- Hedgerows to be extended and wildflower meadows created.
- Recreation activities – picnic / viewing areas, bushcraft, interpretation material and mountain biking.

Rubble Hill

- Focus on nature conservation and recreation.
- County Wildlife Site protected.

BIODIVERSITY

- The Limekilns – light touch management to enhance existing biodiversity.
- South Eastern Fields – enhanced Mazzard orchards, creation of wet & dry woodlands, wetlands, wild flower meadows.
- Western Heights – Enhance grasslands; species-rich wildflower grasslands, new broadleaved woodland, strengthen hedgerows, create ephemeral water bodies.
- Rubble Hill – enhance botanical diversity of County Wildlife Site, hedgerows expanded alongside new small copses, expansion of woodland to help Dormouse population.

BIRCHWOOD LAKES



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