
SEND NATURE TRAILS

VILLAGES MEDICAL CENTRE WETLAND

WHAT IS IT?

A small natural seasonal wetland with boardwalk and benches.

WHERE IS IT?

Next to the Villages Medical Centre on Send Barns Lane.

HOW CAN I ACCESS IT?

Park at the Medical Centre, or call by for a spot of relaxation when walking near Send First School.

WHAT'S ITS HISTORY?

On the site of what was once The Piggeries, this land became available when the Medical Centre was constructed in 2004 on another part of the site. It was acquired by Guildford Borough Council as part of a Planning agreement which stipulated that it should be for local amenity use. The Parish Council then carried out a public consultation exercise in the village and the majority of the responses were in favour of keeping it as a community wildlife area rather than turning it into any more formal type of recreation area. Some funding from the original Planning agreement was subsequently used, by GBC Parks & Countryside, to install the raised boardwalk and the benches on the small adjacent grassed viewing area.

The subject of some controversy, it seems people either love it or hate it!

WHAT MIGHT I SEE THERE?

In summer, the banks of edging flowers include ragwort, on which cinnabar moths love to lay their pretty caterpillars, ragged robin, sow thistle, clover, green alkanet, elder, campion, oxeye daisy, marjoram and mallow, the much smaller relative of the popular garden plant Lavatera. The prickly heads of teasels grow up out of the wetter areas.

A full list of species as identified by Surrey Wildlife Trust appears below.

FEEDBACK

If you have a view to share or pictures of this site, please email editor@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Common	Binomial	
Velvet Bent	<i>Agrostis canina</i>	
Common Bent	<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	
Lesser Burdock	<i>Arctium minus</i>	
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	
Black Horehound	<i>Ballota nigra</i>	
Winter-cress	<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	??
Barren Brome	<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	
White Bryony	<i>Bryonia dioica</i>	
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	
Hairy Sedge	<i>Carex hirta</i>	
False Fox Sedge	<i>Carex otrubae</i>	
Sedge	<i>Carex spp</i>	??
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	
Common Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	
Oxeye Daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	
Tansy	<i>Chrysanthemum vulgare</i>	
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	seedling
Cocksfoot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	
Wild Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	
Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	
Couch Grass	<i>Elymus repens</i>	
Willowherb	<i>Epilobium spp</i>	?? Short-fruited
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	
Meadowsweet	<i>Fillipendula ulmaria</i>	
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	seedling
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>	
Ladies Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>	
Cut-leaved Geranium	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	
Dove's-foot Cranesbill	<i>Geranium molle</i>	
Small-flowered Cranesbill	<i>Geranium pusillum</i>	
Ground Ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	
Yorkshire Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	
Perforate St John's-wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	planted
Jointed Rush	<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	??
Compact Rush	<i>Juncus conglomeratus</i>	
Soft Rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	
Hard Rush	<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	
Nipplewort	<i>Lapsana communis</i>	
Grass vetchling	<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	
Meadow Vetchling	<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	
Perennial Rye-grass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	
Greater Birds-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	
Ragged Robin	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	
Marsh Mallow	<i>Malva moschata</i>	
Musk Mallow	<i>Malva moschata</i>	
Common Mallow	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	
Black Medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	
Hemlock Water-dropwort	<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	
Marjoram	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	

Common	Binomial	
Green Alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	
Timothy	<i>Phleum pratense</i>	
Bristly Oxtongue	<i>Picris echoides</i>	
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	
Greater Plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	
Grey Poplar	<i>Populus tremula</i>	??
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	
Common Fleabane	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	
Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	seedling
Meadow Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	
Rose	<i>Rosa spp</i>	?? Dog
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	
Curled Dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	
Goat Willow	<i>Salix caprea</i>	
Grey Willow	<i>Salix cinerea</i>	
Willow	<i>Salix spp</i>	??
Broom	<i>Sarothamnus scoparius</i>	
Water figwort	<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	
Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	
White Champion	<i>Silene alba</i>	
Red Champion	<i>Silene dioica</i>	
Bittersweet	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	
Canadian Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	
Prickly Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	
Hedge woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	
Lesser Stitchwort	<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	
Russian Comfrey	<i>Symphytum x uplandicum</i>	
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinales agg.</i>	
Yew	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	planted
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	
Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	
Speedwell	<i>Veronica spp</i>	?? Grey Field
Tufted Vetch	<i>Vicia cracca</i>	
Hairy Tare	<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	
Smooth Tare	<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>	
Ringlet		
Seven-spot Ladybird		
Small Tortoiseshell		
Dock Bug		
Crab spider	<i>Misumena vatia</i>	
Greater-spotted Woodpecker		
Mistle Thrush		