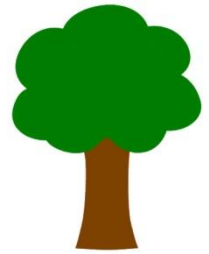


Cople Millennium Wood



Description	CMW is a semi-natural planted woodland comprising areas of maturing trees, rides, open glades and wooded edge. The site is 3.35 ha (8.28 acres). Following community consultation the trees were planted during the winter of 1998/99 and comprised a mix of mainly native species. The habitat leans towards a W8 (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> – <i>Acer campestre</i> – <i>Mercurialis perennis</i>) woodland. There also areas of shrub species and fruit trees. The wood has open access for walkers throughout the year and is crossed by a public footpath runs along the outside of the southern and western boundaries and a further one which runs NW to SE through the centre of the site as well as a network of mown rides throughout the wood. Two benches are within the wood and an interpretation panel at the main access entrance. Management access is from the highway at Water End via a short track along which the WT has a right of access. CMW sits on the flat land of the Ouzel Valley with a mix of sands, clays and gravels. The wood is at an altitude of 27m.
Location	CMW is situated to the south of the main village of Cople and situated adjacent to Water End, a hamlet of Cople. The site grid reference is TL103476. The area is a rural, ex-farmland and has scattered cottage to the east and a mix of arable and horse paddocks elsewhere. There are views to the west of Cardington Airship Sheds and south to the wooded Greensand Ridge. The area is covered by Ordnance Survey Explorer map number 153 (Bedford and Buckingham).
Owner/Custodian	Woodland Trust – Leased to Cople Parish Council
Date of acquisition	Leased on 8 December 2014
Cost of acquisition	Nil

Present use	For information as to how the wood is being used please see the document entitled 'Management Plan for Cople Millennium Wood'.
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