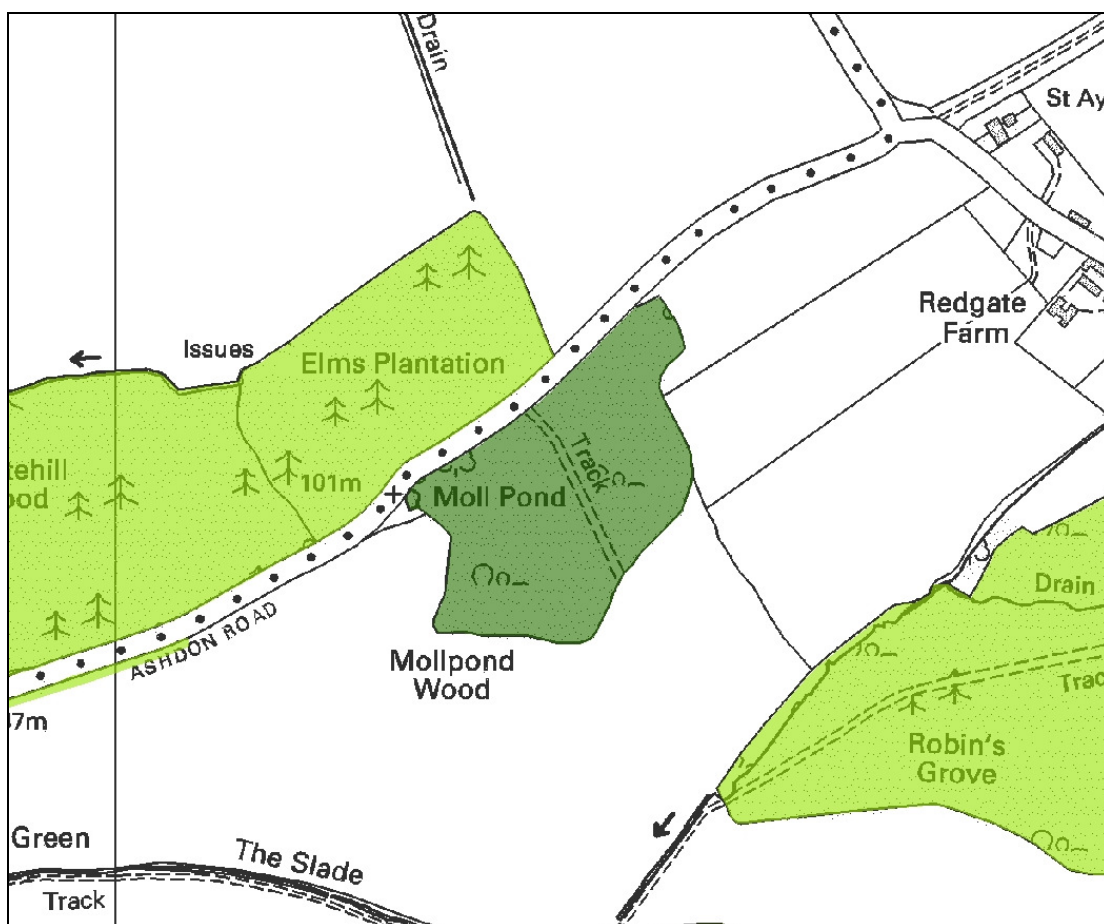


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.  
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT  
Ufd147. Mollpond Wood



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**Ufd147. Mollpond Wood (2.8 ha) TL 563393**

The canopy of this ancient wood comprises tree-sized coppiced Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards. Previously recorded conifers appear to have been removed or are now very few in number. The understorey includes locally frequent holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and some Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*). The ground flora has an unusual abundance of sedges, with both Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*) and Wood Sedge (*Carex sylvatica*) being frequent. Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) and Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*). Twayblade Orchid (*Listera ovata*), Hairy Wood-rush (*Luzula pilosa*), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula*), Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) and Herb Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*) have been recorded within the flora, although the quality of the ground vegetation is being impaired by the dense shade cast by over-grown coppice. There are numerous well-used paths around the site.

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