

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.  
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT  
Ufd177. Wimbish Lanes



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**Ufd177. Wimbish Lanes (3500.0 metres) TL 580363**

This network of ancient green lanes provides linear woodland and grassland habitats which attract a wide range of wildlife, notably butterflies, and acts as a valuable wildlife corridor system in a largely arable landscape. The hedges are typically of Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) but also include Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*), Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) and Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana*). Wych Elm (*Ulmus glabra*) occurs in one section.

The ground vegetation includes ancient woodland components such as Three-veined Sandwort (*Moehringia trinervia*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) and Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), as well as many grassland species, including Strawberry Clover (*Trifolium fragiferum*), Burnet Saxifrage (*Pimpinella saxifraga*), Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*) and Hop Trefoil (*Trifolium campestre*). A section of the River Pant provides additional habitat diversity.

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