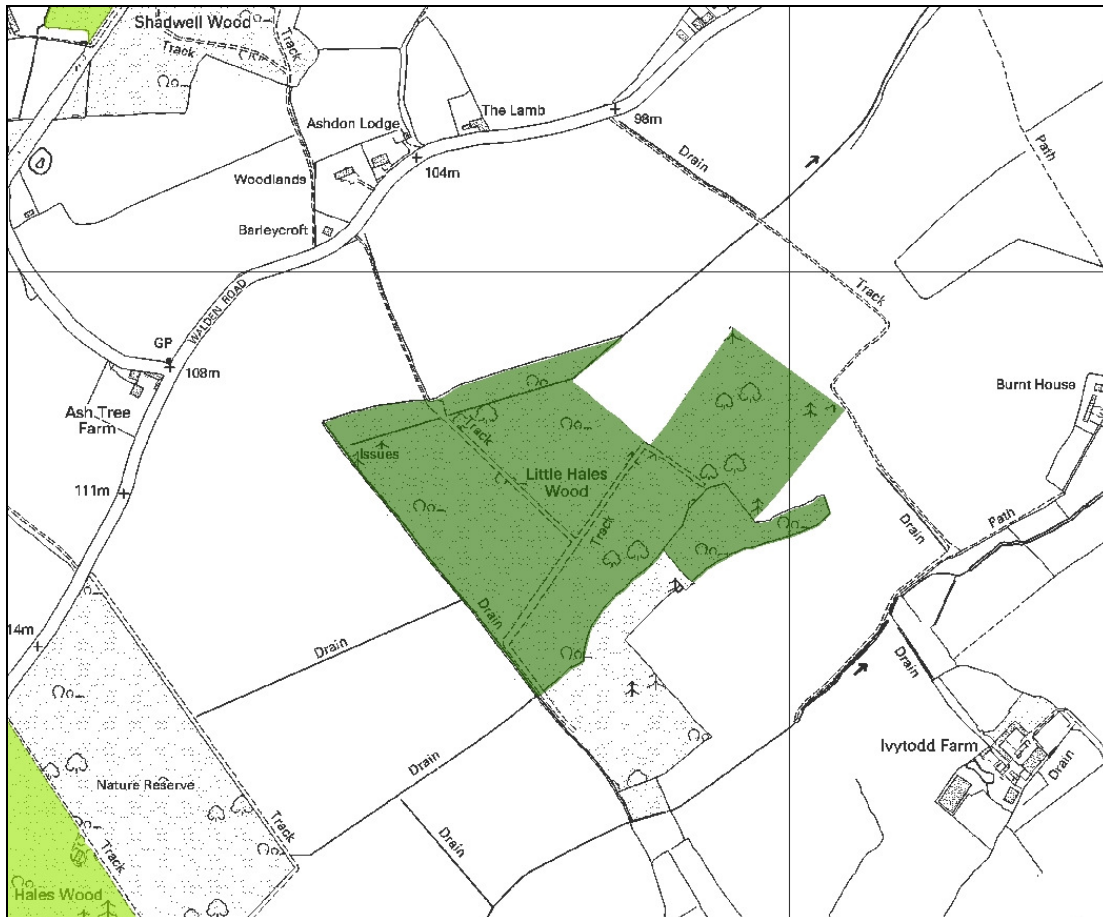


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd175. Little Hales Wood



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Ufd175. Little Hales Wood (14.3 ha) TL 577407

This ancient wood has been extensively coniferised, although future thinning and restocking will favour native broadleaved trees. The northern boundary is a strip of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) wood with young Cupressus underplanted within the western part. Most of the site is dominated by pine, spruce and fir plantation, with scattered oaks along the rides. The south-eastern section, however, retains a typical canopy/sub-canopy of Oak, Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and Hazel (*Corylus avellana*). The ground flora is largely restricted the vicinity of the rides and comprise a varied marshy grassland assemblage. The wood is notable for its population of Crested Cow-wheat (*Melampyrum cristatum*). Other species of interest include Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Hairy Wood-rush (*Luzula pilosa*) and Narrow-leaved Everlasting Pea (*Lathyrus sylvestris*).

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