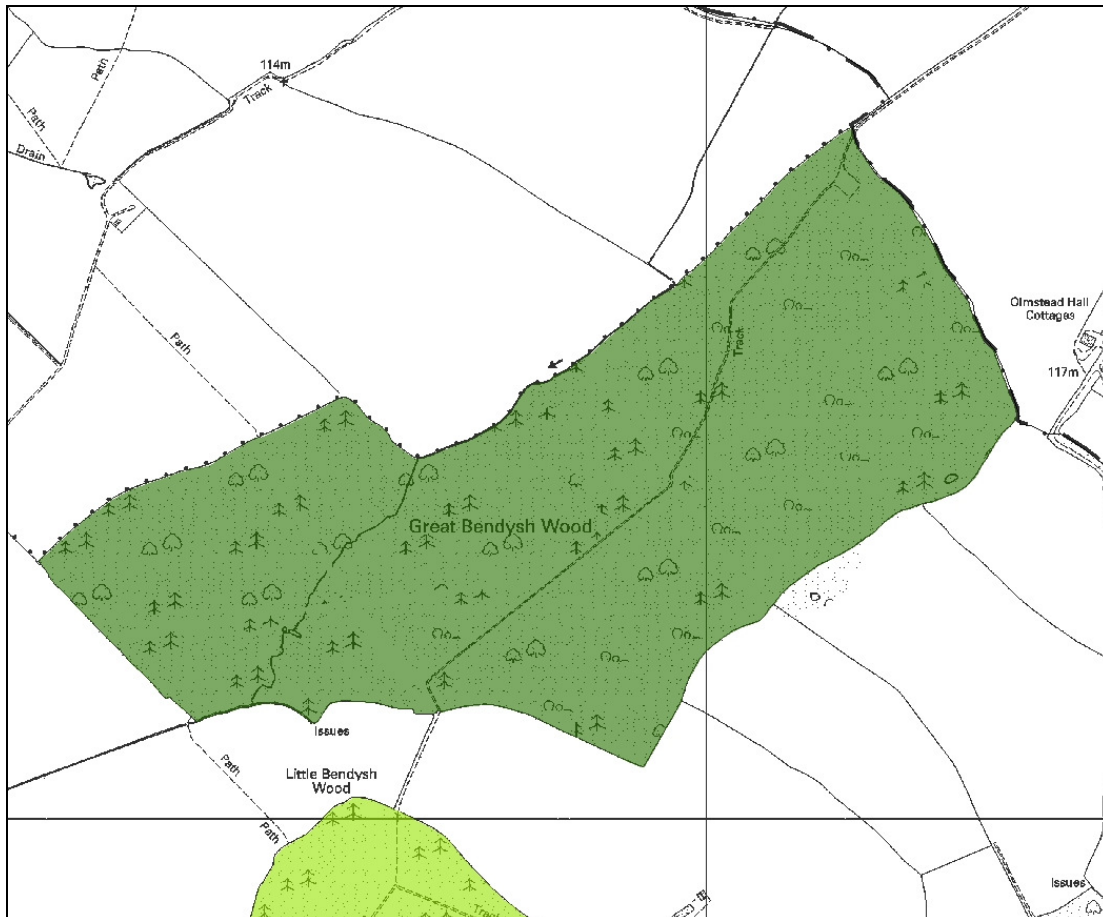


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd232. Great Bendysh Wood



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Ufd232. Great Bendysh Wood (58.6 ha) TL 618405

This large ancient wood has been almost entirely replanted with conifers, with a small amount of planted Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*). Native trees and shrubs, typically Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Oak and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), are restricted to the borders of rides and the wood's boundary. The suppressed ground flora still includes many ancient woodland plants, such as Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Hairy Wood-rush (*Luzula pilosa*), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula*) and Oxlip (*Primula elatior*). The marshy rides support Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*), Common Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) and Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*).

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