

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd202. Home Wood, Ashdon



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Ufd202. Home Wood, Ashdon (5.7 ha) TL 596436

The original composition of this ancient wood would appear to be Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) as both coppice and scattered standards, Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards and sparse Hazel (*Corylus avellana*). This has been modified, centrally, by the underplanting of conifers, though these are suppressed by the Hornbeam growth. To the north-west, much of the canopy is missing (probably due to clearance of storm damage), with regrowth from stumps and young saplings. The ground flora is at its most diverse in this open area, with many ruderals amongst the more typical woodland flora of Wood False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), Giant Fescue (*Festuca gigantea*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) and Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*).

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