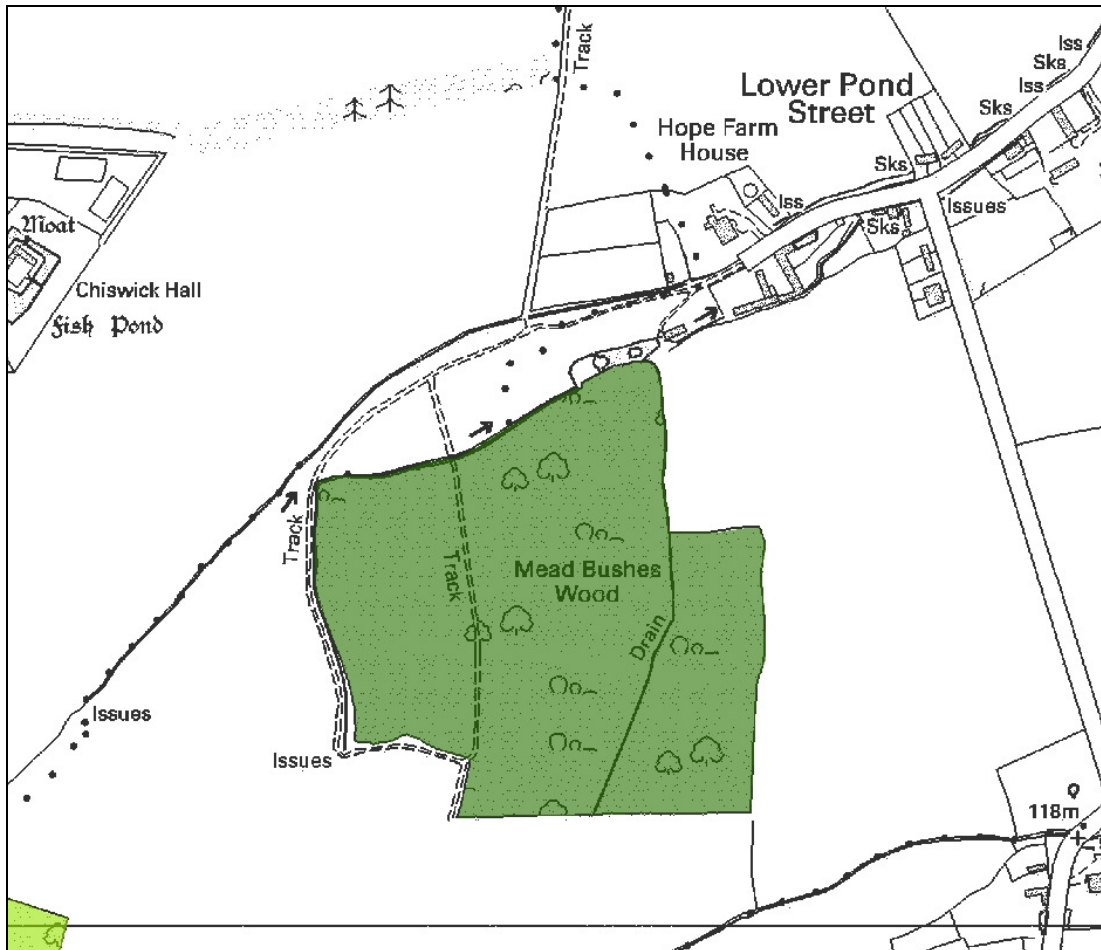


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd9. Mead Bushes Wood



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Ufd9. Mead Bushes Wood (10.5 ha) TL 455373

The structure of this ancient wood is one of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) standards and old coppiced Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*). The traditional boundary hedge of Hawthorn (*Crataegus* sp.) and Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) is unusually intact. The ground flora is particularly rich, especially in ancient woodland plants such as Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), Herb Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula*) and Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*). The wood is managed for the purposes of pheasant rearing, with a form of coppicing in the north-west corner.

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