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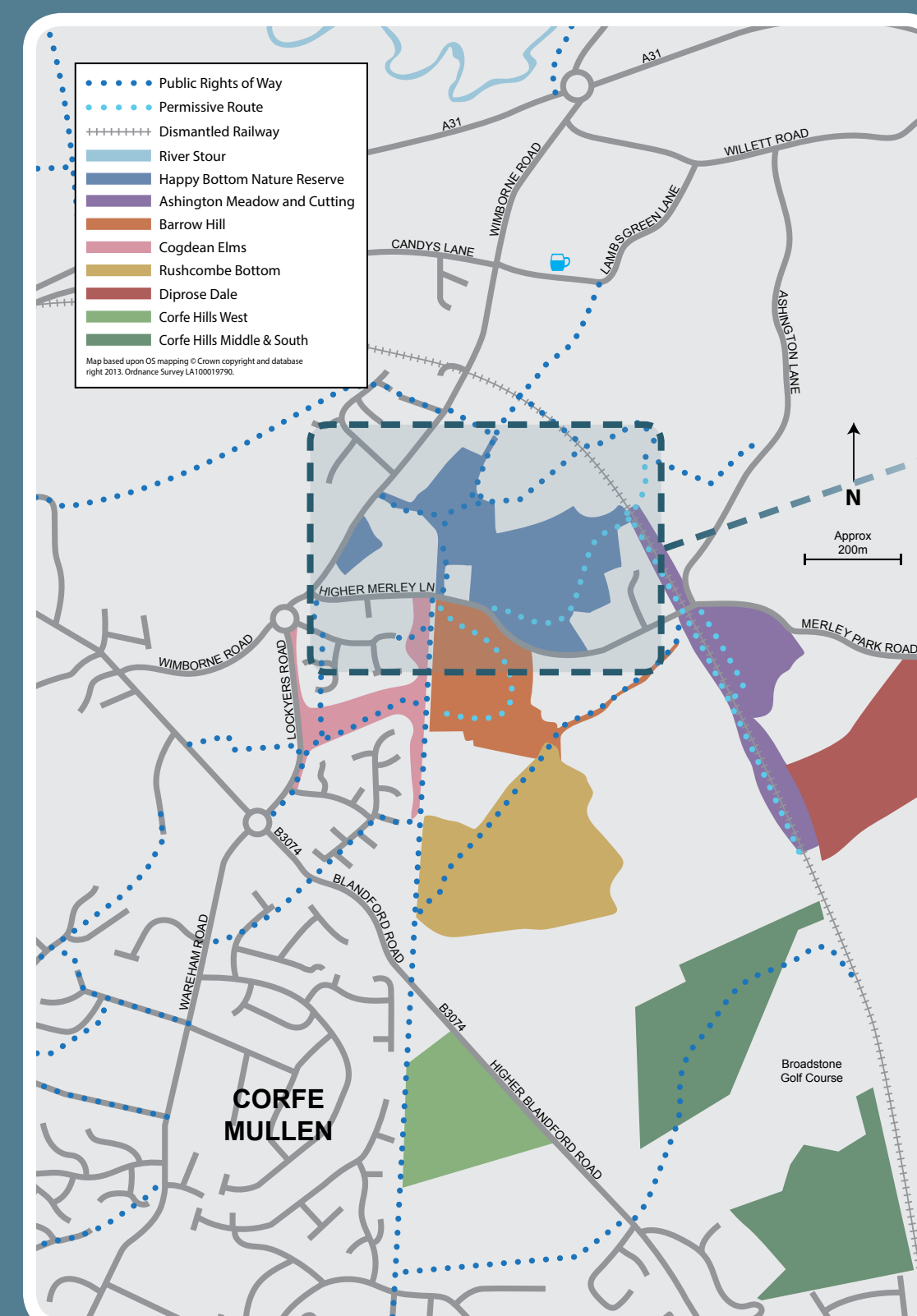
Corfe Barrows Nature Park is a large area managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

It is a partnership of landowners that have come together to create a special place for local communities and visitors to explore and enjoy the local countryside, its history and its wonderful wildlife.

The Nature Park includes areas of woodland, heathland, meadows and pastures, connected by footpaths and guided trails that provides a range of outdoor experiences, from a ten-minute breather to a longer expedition.

Grazing plays an important role in the management of many habitats and you may encounter livestock on your walk. Please keep dogs under close control, preferably on a lead, although there are some areas where dogs can be exercised off a lead and these will be clearly marked.

Enjoy your visit!



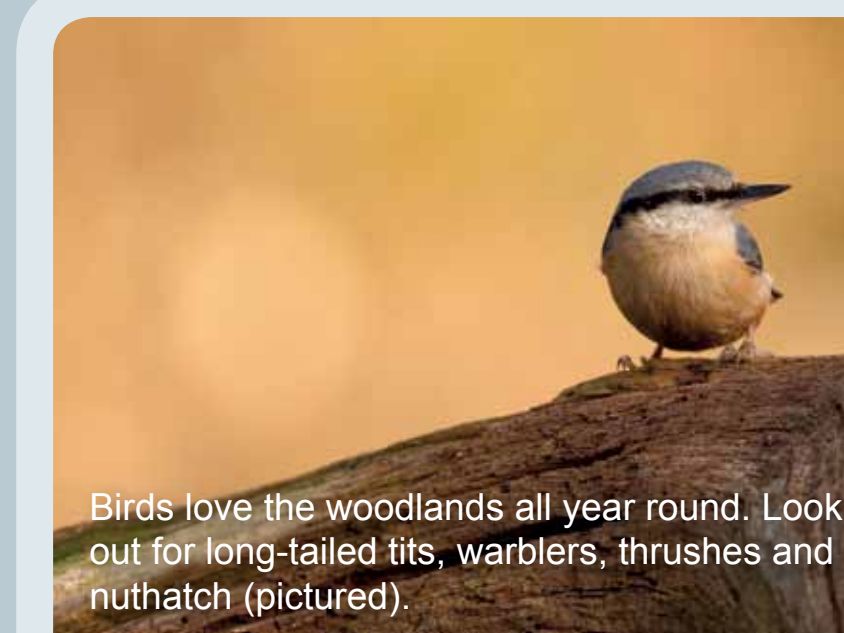
## HAPPY BOTTOM

Welcome to Happy Bottom Nature Reserve, positioned at the northern end of the Corfe Barrows Nature Park and owned and managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Happy Bottom Nature Reserve includes the stream valley that flows through the nature reserve towards the River Stour to the north. Sections of the valley support wet woodland of **sallow** and **birch** but where the ground slopes away from the stream, on drier ground, sallows give way to other trees and shrubs such as **oak**, **holly**, **rowan** and **alder buckthorn**.

Near the centre of the nature reserve are the remains of Cottage Farm. All that exists now are a couple of farm buildings and the cottage garden which supported fruit trees. The farm used to support a small dairy herd and the cows grazed the adjoining meadows before the days of fertilizers and pesticides.

The wet and dry grassland support a range of wildflowers. The fields are divided by hedges, of mostly **hazel**, and ditches.



Birds love the woodlands all year round. Look out for long-tailed tits, warblers, thrushes and nuthatch (pictured).



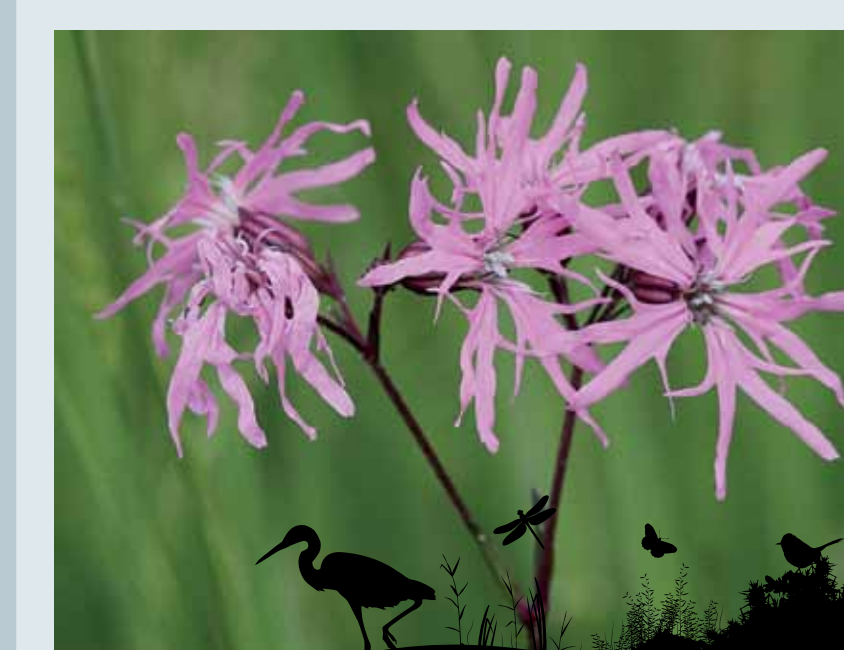
Green woodpeckers (pictured) can be seen in grassland areas and great spotted woodpeckers are often found in the woods.



Roe deer (pictured) are frequently observed.



Wildflowers here include bird's-foot-trefoil (pictured) and ragged-robin (below).



### The Countryside Code



#### Respect, Protect, Enjoy

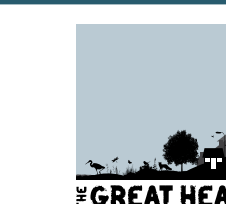
- Respect other people**
  - Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
  - Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- Protect the natural environment**
  - Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
  - Keep dogs under effective control
- Enjoy the outdoors**
  - Plan ahead and be prepared
  - Follow advice and local signs



Dogs on leads at all times

#### In Memory of Nimita Kakad

The purchase of this nature reserve was generously supported as a living legacy to the memory of Nimita Kakad who loved nature and the beauty of the outdoors.



Part of The Great Heath, a partnership of voluntary organisations, local authorities, businesses and communities working together to create a living landscape in which both people and wildlife can prosper.



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