

# About Burbage Common

Burbage Common is Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's largest countryside site and is located on the edge of Hinckley, within easy reach from both East and West Midlands. The site is owned by the Borough Council and is classed as public access land, with its use covered by byelaws. The site has grown to its present size over a number of years.

This mix of semi-natural woodland and unspoilt grassland is 80 hectares (200 acres) in size. Burbage Common provides excellent opportunity for the following activities:

- Walking
- Wildlife study - more information: [Ecological interest](#)
- Horse riding
- Orienteering
- Environmental activities and education



Burbage Common belongs to the manorial estate and was the poorer pasture where commoners grazed their livestock. The common, together with other grassland areas, is now managed as a hay meadow. The woodlands are probably some of the only remaining fragments of Hinckley forest, which dates back to medieval times. They are still managed by the traditional method of coppicing (cutting a tree or shrub to ground level) with standards.