

A Living Landscape

In the area surrounding Chipping Sodbury there are many other nature rich areas to explore, including the Ridge Wood local nature reserve, (ridge-wood.org.uk), the open grasslands of Sodbury Common, Tylers Field with its fantastic views across to the Severn estuary and the extensive Frome Valley Walkway (fromewalkway.org.uk).

The Frome Valley creates an important green corridor through rural South Gloucestershire and the dense housing of northeast Bristol. The parks, woodlands, meadows and waterways provide a valuable environment for people and wildlife, connecting communities and open spaces. Notable wildlife to look out for includes kingfishers, grey wagtails, dippers, bats, and otters.

to enjoy the wildlife she so loved. so that the local community can continue which has been used to create this leaflet a legacy to Avon Wildlife Trust, some of countryside. On her passing she kindly left out bird watching or just walking in the Group and spent much of her leisure time of Avon Wildlife Trust's local Southwold Frances was a founder committee member

countryside and its conservation. life, one of her greatest interests was the local history. However, throughout her a deep interest in astronomy, music and of the Moravian Church, Frances also had An international authority on the history librarian and a woman of many talents. most of her life. She was a professional Bristol in 1922 and lived in this area for Frances Mary Blandford was born in

Frances Blandfor



you spot those elusive species. leaves, bees buzzing and water splashing, to help take time to stop and listen out for bird calls, rustling broken branches or chewed leaves. Most importantly, in bramble, burrows, claw marks on banks or trees,



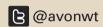
Avon Wildlife Trust is the largest local charity working to protect wildlife in the West of **England area.**

The Trust is supported by a membership of 17,000 people, and takes an innovative approach to wildlife recovery on a landscape scale, to increase biodiversity in the wider environment.

With more than 800 volunteers, Avon Wildlife Trust manages 36 nature reserves, from nationally important salt marshes and wetlands to wildflower grasslands, ancient woodlands and Iron Age forts. It inspires lifelong learning through enjoyment and access to the natural environment, in both urban and rural areas, working in partnership with public authorities, landowners, schools and colleges, businesses, local people and the media.

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trampled tracks through the undergrowth, fur caught out for tell tale signs such as footprints, droppings, to see the wealth of wildlife around us. Keep an eye nocturnal or well camouflaged so it's not always easy Many of our native species are shy, secretive,



thrive. mammals and invertebrates to travel through and to provide an integrated environment for our birds, habitat, the urban and rural landscapes can combine reproduce and shelter. Taken as a whole connected the landscape which many species use to feed, lines, ponds and streams provide corridors across Hedges, trees, gardens, road verges, parks, railway creating homes for a rich diversity of flora and fauna. The surrounding area provides a mosaic of habitats,

events and celebrations. supports a thriving community with regular festivals, and appearance. The wide, bustling market street of its special architectural and historic character Conservation Area in November 1975 in recognition town of Chipping Sodbury was designated as a Birthplace of J.K. Rowling, the medieval market

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available from their website - southglos.gov.uk of leaflets for walks around the area, which are South Gloucestershire Council provide a series

walk can get flooded and muddy. Remember to wear appropriate clothing, some parts of the

and leave nothing but footprints. tor the benefit of wildlife and people, take nothing but photos Whilst you are on the walk please help us to maintain the area

Road. You can start the walk from here. Car: There is free parking by the Waitrose off Wickwar

City centre to Chipping Sodbury Bus: The X46, X47, 47 buses all travel from Bristol

How to get there



by local sculptor Andy O'Neill... variety of wildlife sculptures along the route, created minutes to walk the circular route and look out for a and Ridge Woods Nature Reserve. Allow about 45 are optional extended routes through the Ridings hedgerows, orchards and through Jubilee Park. There along the river, across open grassland, past a journey through a variety of habitats; travelling The Frances Blandford nature trail takes you on

Practical information