

Sherborne St John Wildlife Map



Common Puffball



Magpie Fungus

What is a Wildlife Map?

- It's a graphical representation of the key habitats and species found within the Parish, produced from a combination of background materials, including:
 - maps;
 - photographs;
 - survey information.
- It provides a lasting record of the wildlife and environment of the area to which it relates and can:
 - inform building or planning decisions;
 - serve as a reference for current or future conservation work;
 - provide a platform to encourage local people to take an interest in and become involved with the wildlife of the Parish;
 - provide a lasting legacy for future generations, against which changes in the environment, flora and fauna can be measured.

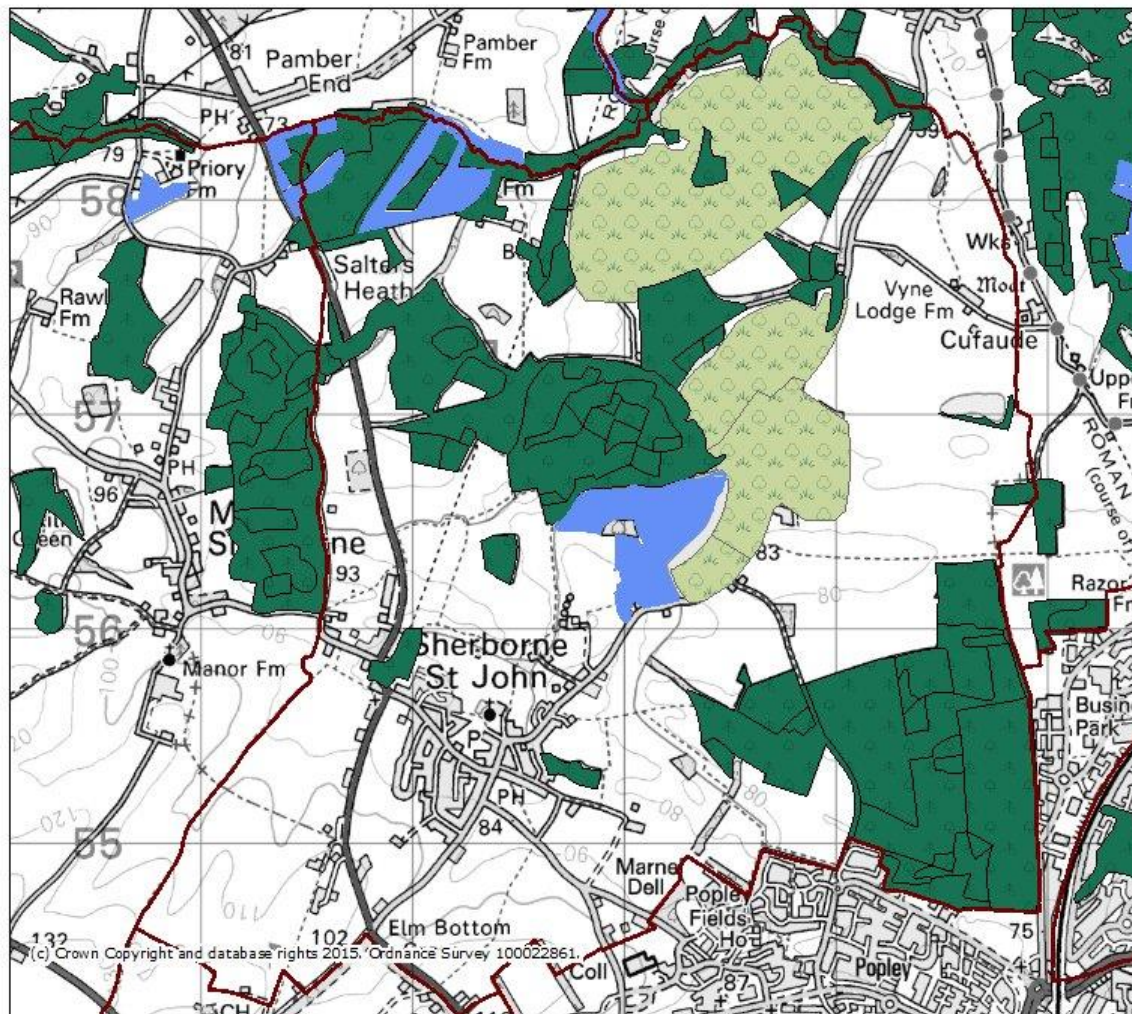


Chicken of the Woods Fungus at the Vyne

Information we already have

- Parish Boundary Map;
- maps showing types of habitat and sites important for wildlife within the Parish
- reports on some of the more recently surveyed wildlife sites;
- list of rarer and legally protected species found within the Parish;
- all species records held by Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre including:
 - birds
 - butterflies and moths
 - mammals, reptiles and amphibians
 - flowering plants, ferns,
- maps showing
 - coverage of Government schemes to encourage wildlife;
 - Forestry and Woodland Schemes.

Sherborne St John Habitats





Dryad's Saddle Fungus at the Vyne

What we are doing

- This year we are taking a number of steps to improve the records of wildlife found within the parish. We will do this by:
 - a team of 5 recorders carrying out regular bird surveys;
 - moth trapping and recording at the Vyne and elsewhere;
 - possible bat surveying and hedgerow surveying;
 - An autumn fungus foray in Basing Forest by the Hampshire and the Thames Valley Fungus Groups to obtain records in a promising but under-recorded part of the Parish;
 - a team carrying out surveying for mosses, liverworts and lichens;
 - encouraging local residents and others to submit records of wildlife sightings.



Trooping Crumblecap Fungus at the Vyne

Are you interested in wildlife?

- If so - you could:
 - join in hedgerow surveying (training can be arranged).
 - take photographs of local wildlife and share them with us,
 - when you see wildlife, (both plants and animals) that you can identify within the Parish, or just in your garden, record them and let us know.
 - if you have any specialist knowledge or interest in a particular group or groups of species, such as insects or mosses, we would particularly like to hear from you.



Common Toad near Church Pond