

Lowick Community Plan

Identifying important natural areas within the parish



Violets and primroses at Catton Ridge, 22.4.17 .

Introduction

Within Lowick parish there are some areas which have particular importance for wildlife. These might be biodiversity hot spots with environments which attract a number of different species or are perhaps associated with the presence of one particular rarity not readily found elsewhere.

It is possible in the Lowick parish area to identify a number of locations which would be considered important from a wildlife perspective: These locations range from areas of moorland; deciduous and conifer woodlands - Kylee - sections of verge with a good selection of wild flowers; ancient hedgerows and the very special habitat of Holburn Moss. There will also be a number of specimen trees which should be recognised from their age and presence in the community over a long period of time. Some older gardens, where there are a range of old trees, are likely to have a good number of breeding birds. There will also be the riverine habitats associated with the Low and Dryburn as they pass through the parish and some areas of pasture and meadow.

The point to make is that by listing these locations and recording the flora and fauna to be found there, it becomes possible to be aware of any threat and to insist that the natural value of the site is taken into consideration in any development proposal. A condition for any development proposal is that where possible the site is returned to its former condition on completion of the work.

Potential Wildlife Hotspots within the Lowick Parish area:

1. Catton Ridge
2. Shiellow Crag
3. Kylloe Wood
4. Holburn Moss
5. Lowick Mill Wood
6. Hedgerow near Lowick Mill -Burnett Rose.
7. Pastures at Hunting Hall
8. Verges on road towards Routin Lynn (orchids)
9. The Low
10. The Dryburn.



Dryburn Road Verges - site of natural interest

Wall Butterfly, *Lasiommata megera* (female) found among other locations on the verges of Dryburn Rd in the middle of May.

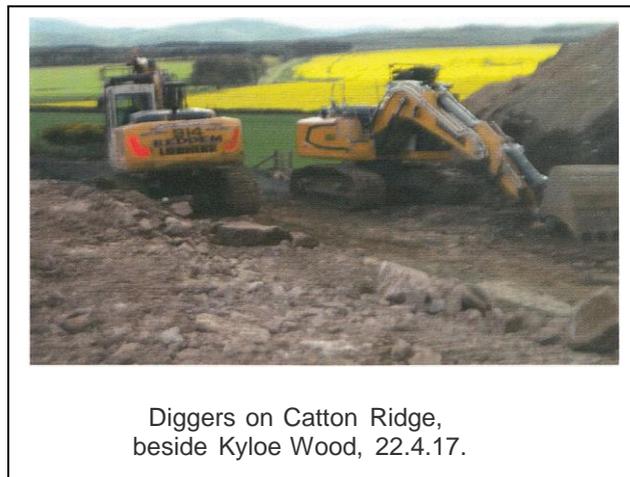
Can be up to 5 different species of butterfly flying here during this late spring period.

Lowick Mill Wood -an example of an area of special natural interest



This wood is the location for: Goldlocks, *Ranunculus auricomus*.
Found in and much less common in VC 68 than in the south of the county.

Only know location in Lowick Parish which points to the special interest of this small area of woodland opposite Lowick Mill.



Diggers on Catton Ridge,
beside Kylee Wood, 22.4.17.