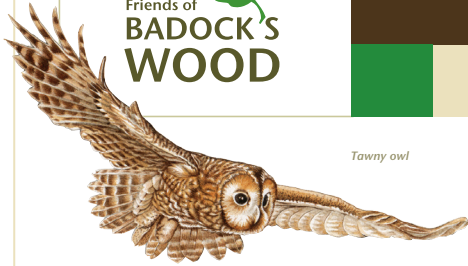




Welcome to Badock's Wood Local Nature Reserve

A Hidden Haven for Wildlife



Milltut Field

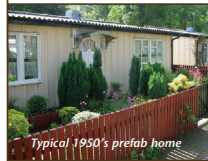
The open area in which you are now standing was known as "Milltut Field" or "Mill Toot Field" in the 17th century. During the Second World War allotments were laid out in the field. After The War the allotments were replaced with 81 temporary prefabs and the area renamed "Bowness Gardens". These temporary prefabs were all demolished and removed in the early 1980s. Milltut Field was then returned to its designated status as a Public Open Space with remedial landscaping and planting undertaken by Bristol City Council. This landscaping included planting trees and reseeding with amenity grass.

In 2010 various improvements to the area were carried out with funding from the Big Lottery Fund and managed through Groundwork UK as part of the Community Spaces grants programme. These improvements included a new entrance and footpath from Doncaster Road, an avenue of trees, new seating and a third wild flower meadow.



KEY

- Streams
- Hard Path
- Soft Path
- Stream Crossing
- Entrances
- Broadleaf Woodland
- Grassland
- Steps



Recent History

In 1937 a local industrialist and landowner, Sir Stanley Badock, gave part of his Holmwood estate to Bristol Corporation so that the citizens of Bristol could enjoy the Woods as a public open space in perpetuity. In fact, Sir Stanley's Deed of Gift specifically excluded the erection of buildings on the gifted land. Sir Stanley died in 1945.

Caring for Badock's Wood

This Local Nature Reserve is owned and maintained by Bristol Parks. The Friends of Badock's Wood and Bristol Parks work closely together to protect, maintain and conserve the Woods. Whilst you are here, please do your part to maintain the Woods for the benefit of both people and wildlife. Take your litter home and clear up after your dog (bins for dog waste are provided near the Lakewood Road, Dark Lane and Doncaster Road entrances).

Find out more

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Wild Flower Meadows

To improve the area for wildlife and to bring back some colour into the grassland, two large areas were reseeded with native grasses and wild flowers in 2005 and 2007. On both occasions, the reseeding was carried out with the help of children from Badock's Wood Primary School, who had great fun sowing the seeds! A third wild flower meadow was created in 2010.

Already native plants such as musk mallow, oxeye daisies, yellow rattle, wild carrot and knapweed are blossoming and providing nectar sources for many insects such as the common blue and large skipper butterflies.

Trees around the edge of the meadows provide shelter and nesting sites for birds.

Common blue and skipper butterflies



Meadow grass



Enjoy a Stroll Around Woods and Wildflower Meadows



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