

# Aylesford Green

## Introduction

Aylesford Green is an area of meadow and woodland, with the Aylesford Stream passing through its centre. The site feels quite wild, considering its location and the habitats here are a good educational resource. The area south of the stream is a mixture of scrub and secondary woodland. North of the stream, grassland predominates, with a close mown recreation area in the west, close to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. The river has a natural profile, many meanders and good vegetation, with many mature trees. Wildlife is likely to encompass a good range of riverine species, as outlined in 'Introduction to the Green Corridors' plus small mammals, birds and other species groups associated with the scrub.

The site may have been a village green historically; St Mary's church stands nearby and an old well is shown on the 1876 OS map to the north of the church. Interestingly, the 1876 map also shows a different area was named as Aylesford Green - the northern part of Gas House Fields, near Newtown.

## How to get there

Aylesford Green lies between Bentley Road and Boys Hall Road in South Willlesborough, and can be accessed from either road via public footpaths. It can also be accessed from Crowbridge Road via the footbridge over the railway and rail link.

## Facilities

There are no facilities for visiting groups at this site.

## Locations for activities

See site map.

It Makes Sense:

These activities can be conducted anywhere but will work better in more varied parts of the sites.

Habitat Explorers:

Habitats encompassed by these sites are: river, meadow, woodland.

Marvellous minibeasts:

Use the meadow north of the stream for sheet 1. Use the woodland south of the stream for sheet 2. River dipping can be carried out at around the bridge over the stream or anywhere else with safe access to the river.

Who's Eating Who?:

These activities can be conducted across the sites as a whole, but concentrating on areas with good wildlife habitat (the close mown grassland won't yield many species)

Down by the River:

The river here is quite well suited to these activities. Access is easier on the north side. Use the natural meanders for sheet 2.

## Health and safety

This site is closer to busy roads than others, with no barrier between site and road.

Please read carefully the general health and safety information provided elsewhere in this pack.

## Site Map

The LNR boundary is shown in red



Footbridge over  
rail link