

Getting Involved

Fremington Environment Group – carry out wildlife surveys and guided walks around the reserve. For further information contact:

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ENVIRONMENT GROUP
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North Devon AONB & Biosphere Service

- arrange practical volunteer projects on the reserve including tree planting, meadow management and coppicing. For further information about the current volunteer programme visit

www.devon.gov.uk/ndabs or contact:

Biodiversity Manager

Bideford Station, East-the-Water,
Bideford, North Devon EX39 4BB

Telephone 01237 423655

North Devon Council own *Lovell's Field*

For further details visit

www.northdevon.gov.uk or contact:

Parks and Amenities, NDC,
Civic Centre, Barnstaple,
North Devon EX31 1EA

Telephone 01271 388326

Fremington Parish Council own *Leat Meadow*

For further details contact:

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12 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple,
North Devon EX31 3BG

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Local Nature Reserves

Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) are all about connecting people and wildlife. They are statutory designations, looking after biodiversity and giving people the opportunity to experience the natural world on their doorstep. They are a shop window for best practice, promoting ways in which to help the wildlife on your own patch. They are also an education resource for schools and colleges, providing an outdoor classroom for hands-on learning.



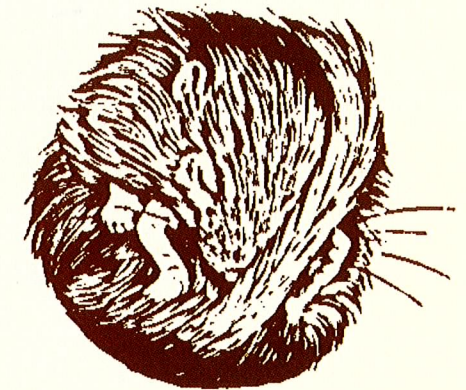
Marbled White Butterfly

The Local Nature Reserve has a Management Plan that has been agreed by Fremington Parish Council, Fremington Environment Group, North Devon AONB & Biosphere Service.

When visiting the Fremington Local Nature Reserve please follow the Country Code.



Fremington Local Nature Reserve



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community

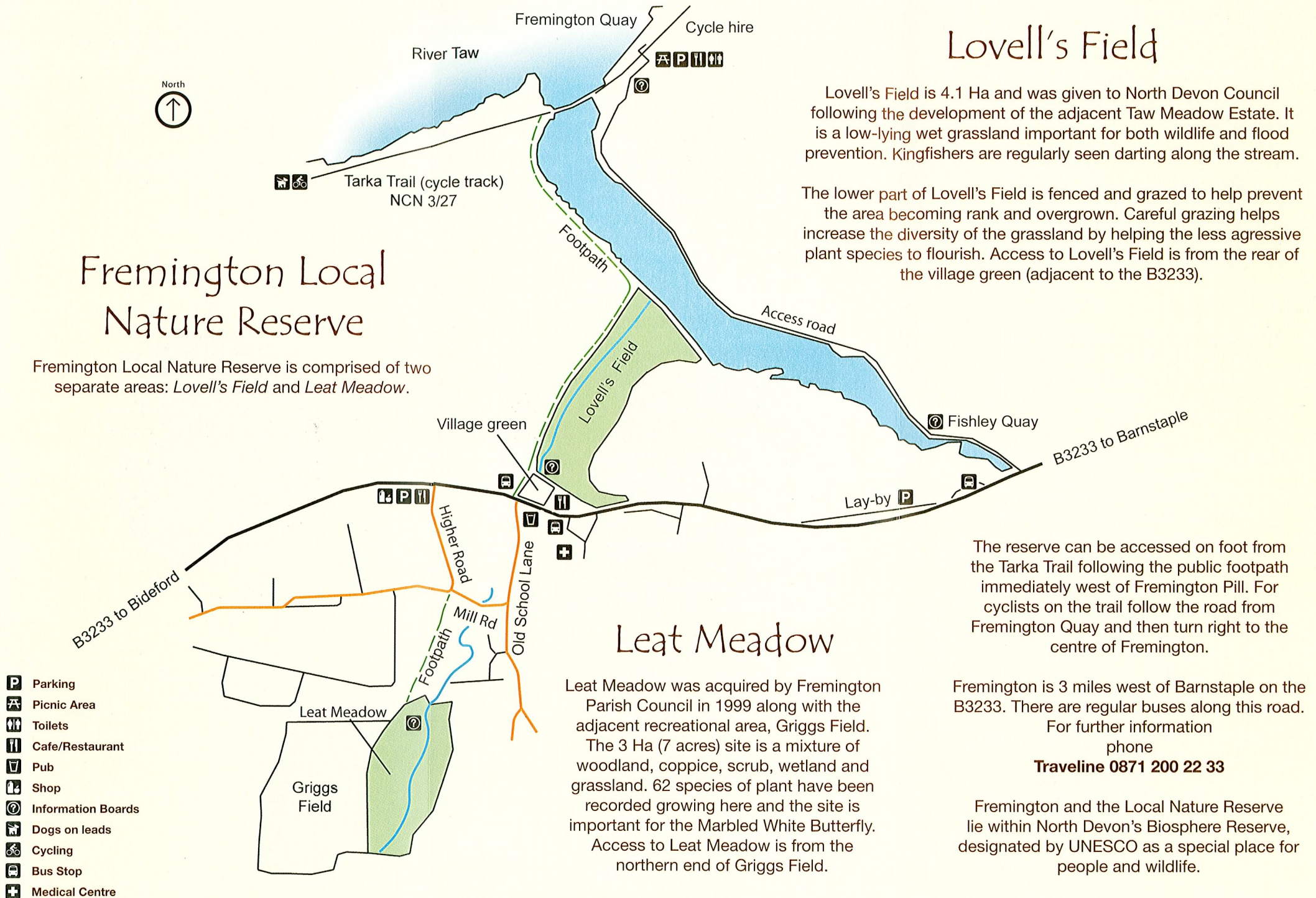
Lovell's Field

Lovell's Field is 4.1 Ha and was given to North Devon Council following the development of the adjacent Taw Meadow Estate. It is a low-lying wet grassland important for both wildlife and flood prevention. Kingfishers are regularly seen darting along the stream.

The lower part of Lovell's Field is fenced and grazed to help prevent the area becoming rank and overgrown. Careful grazing helps increase the diversity of the grassland by helping the less aggressive plant species to flourish. Access to Lovell's Field is from the rear of the village green (adjacent to the B3233).

Fremington Local Nature Reserve

Fremington Local Nature Reserve is comprised of two separate areas: *Lovell's Field* and *Leat Meadow*.



Leat Meadow

Leat Meadow was acquired by Fremington Parish Council in 1999 along with the adjacent recreational area, Griggs Field. The 3 Ha (7 acres) site is a mixture of woodland, coppice, scrub, wetland and grassland. 62 species of plant have been recorded growing here and the site is important for the Marbled White Butterfly. Access to Leat Meadow is from the northern end of Griggs Field.

The reserve can be accessed on foot from the Tarka Trail following the public footpath immediately west of Fremington Pill. For cyclists on the trail follow the road from Fremington Quay and then turn right to the centre of Fremington.

Fremington is 3 miles west of Barnstaple on the B3233. There are regular buses along this road. For further information phone **Traveline 0871 200 22 33**

Fremington and the Local Nature Reserve lie within North Devon's Biosphere Reserve, designated by UNESCO as a special place for people and wildlife.