

Home Mead Local Nature Reserve

Reserve Area: 1.8 Hectares

Access: Kissing gate off England's Lane, with a hardened path leading a circular route around the reserve.

Parking: There is limited roadside parking on Cleland Path. Please be respectful to the residents. Turning right back onto England's Lane and walking along the pavement to site entrance.

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LNR declaration: 2004

Wildlife Site Designation: Ep66 2009



Cinnabar moth

Buff-tip moth



Candlesnuff Fungi

Site Description: Home Mead is a peaceful Reserve on the outskirts of Loughton. It is a lovely mix of developing woodland, ponds, scraps, scrub and acid grassland.

Site Management: This site is managed for its mosaic of scrub and grassland. The scrub is cleared in rotation and allowed to grow back to create a diverse age structure which is beneficial to several different species of birds, invertebrates and fungi like Candlesnuff. The grassland is cut annually to prevent scrub and invasive grasses encroaching and out competing the wildflowers.

Seasonal: In the summer, a small wildflower meadow offers nectar for Bumble bees and night moths that can be seen in the day like buff-tip and Cinnabar.