

Chigwell Row Wood LNR

Reserve Area: 15.6 Hectares

Access: The site has a 370m hardened pathway linking up with the recreation ground promoting safe and easy access for everyone. There is also a network of rides throughout the woodland.

Parking: Lodge Close car park or Layby off Romford Road opposite All Saints Church.

What3words: **Western entrance:** [///liability.wisdom.privately](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///liability.wisdom.privately) **Heathland:** [///join.rise.media](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///join.rise.media)

Grid Reference: **Western entrance:** TQ46149298 **Heathland:** TQ46579304

LNR declaration: 2000

Wildlife Site Designation: Ep85 and Ep86 1992



Lousewort



Chicken-of-the-Woods fungus



Hornbeam pollard

Site Description: Chigwell Row Wood is a remnant of Hainault Forest which survives to the west of the Romford Road. This hugely significant and valuable site is home to a variety of habitats, from ancient woodland, with its magnificent veteran trees and dead wood insects, through to relic heathland and its rare plants such as Lousewort (pictured above). Since 1950 the land has been managed as a Charitable Trust first by Chigwell Urban District Council and since 1974 by Epping Forest District Council.

Site Management: Chigwell Row Wood is managed by selective clearance of scrub to prevent encroachment onto the rides and glades. This also opens up the canopy in selected areas to allow ground flora to flourish. The rides, glades and heathland are cut annually to prevent invasive grasses taking over and out competing the wildflowers.