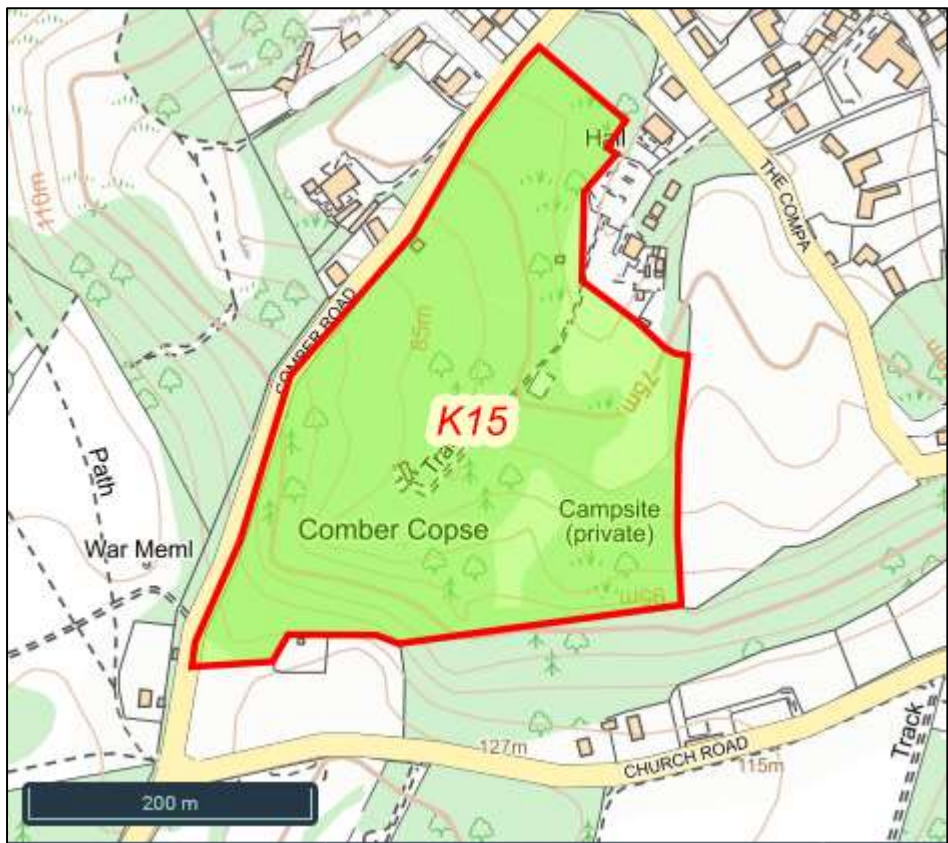


Name of Space	K15 Comber Copse and Scout Camp
Street/Location	The Compa, Kinver
Post Code	DY7 6HR
Grid ref	SO8406983087
Brief Description	A steeply wooded valley adjacent to Kinver Edge, used for Scout and other outdoor activities, associated with local contributions to the history of the Scout movement.

Plan



Suitability for LGS Designation (Add detail as appropriate. Tick indicates satisfies criterion) ✓

Location: near the community it serves	✓	Yes	Close proximity to the village, used by village groups as well as scouting movement groups from local areas.
Local Significance/ Special Community Value: Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value	✓ ✓ ✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	Use of this area by the Scout movement was granted by a local family in 1921. The steep, wooded valley is secluded and ideal for adventures. It includes zip wire, climbing kit, fire pit for cooking, and space for singing, discussion, and outdoor adventure. Scout movement groups from around the West Midlands, including Kinver and adjoining areas, use the site for camps and other activities. Other local groups such as nurseries also use the site, and love the outdoor space it provides.

(including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.		There is no public right of way through the site, but it is bounded by local routes to Kinver Edge and St Peter's Church.
	Wildlife, ecology	The site adjoins Kinver Edge, and is within the Comber Copse Biodiversity Alert wildlife site. It falls within the Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area identified by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust in their Kinver Nature Recovery Report (2021). Priority habitat deciduous woodland, which provides a wildlife corridor to woodland and heath of Kinver Edge. Bats are frequently sighted in the area.
	Heritage	<p>Use of this area by the scout movement was granted in 1921 by the Webbs, a local family who remained involved with the site and the movement for many decades.</p> <p>1921 -Permission to use "Compa Wood" (known locally as "The Scout Wood") was granted by Major Harcourt Webb</p> <p>1926 - Work started on the two storey Log Cabin of Canadian design to be offered to Baden Powell as his lodge.</p> <p>1935 -Lady Baden-Powell officially opened the "Chief's Lodge" and the occasion was attended by hundreds of scouts.</p> <p>1937 - A visit was made by Lord Baden-Powell to see his lodge and trees were planted in the camp to mark the occasion.</p> <p>1948- The Kinver Camp Rover Crew was formed. Two Totem poles were carved by the Bewdley Rover Crew installed at the camp entrance.</p> <p>1950 -A stone fireplace and chimney were built</p> <p>1956- first activity weekend known as "Tedanti" was organised with about fifty Scouts taking part.</p> <p>1959-The "Don Vince" hut was built and electricity was installed to the camp. Girl Guides were officially allowed to camp at Kinver.</p> <p>1966-The Baden Powell (BP) Guild built a hut on the site as a base to assist on Camp and to raise funds for Camp Projects.</p> <p>1974- Erection of new toilet block funded from sponsored walks by Scout and Guide Groups.</p> <p>1977-1980 -The BP Guild built an extension to the Chief's Lodge with logs from Major Michael Webb's plantations.</p> <p>1983- Official opening of extended Chief's Lodge by BP's daughter, The Hon. Betty Clay.</p> <p>1992- "The Harcourt Webb Centre" opened by the Chief Scout, Major Michael Webb. A day room extension added to the centre in 1998</p> <p>2004- The activity tower was erected. Laundry Room installed.</p> <p>2007- World Scout Centenary Jamboree Camp held at Kinver.</p>

		Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	Deciduous woodland and glades bordered by hedgerow and trees next to Kinver Edge, and providing a green backdrop to the infant school and village.
		Other incl flood mitigation, local food	n/a
Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	8.5
	✓	Local character	Yes. Adjacent to village, used by groups from local and surrounding areas
Planning permissions or site allocations	None.		
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve	BAS Comber Copse Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area Priority Habitat deciduous woodland Green Belt		
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:



