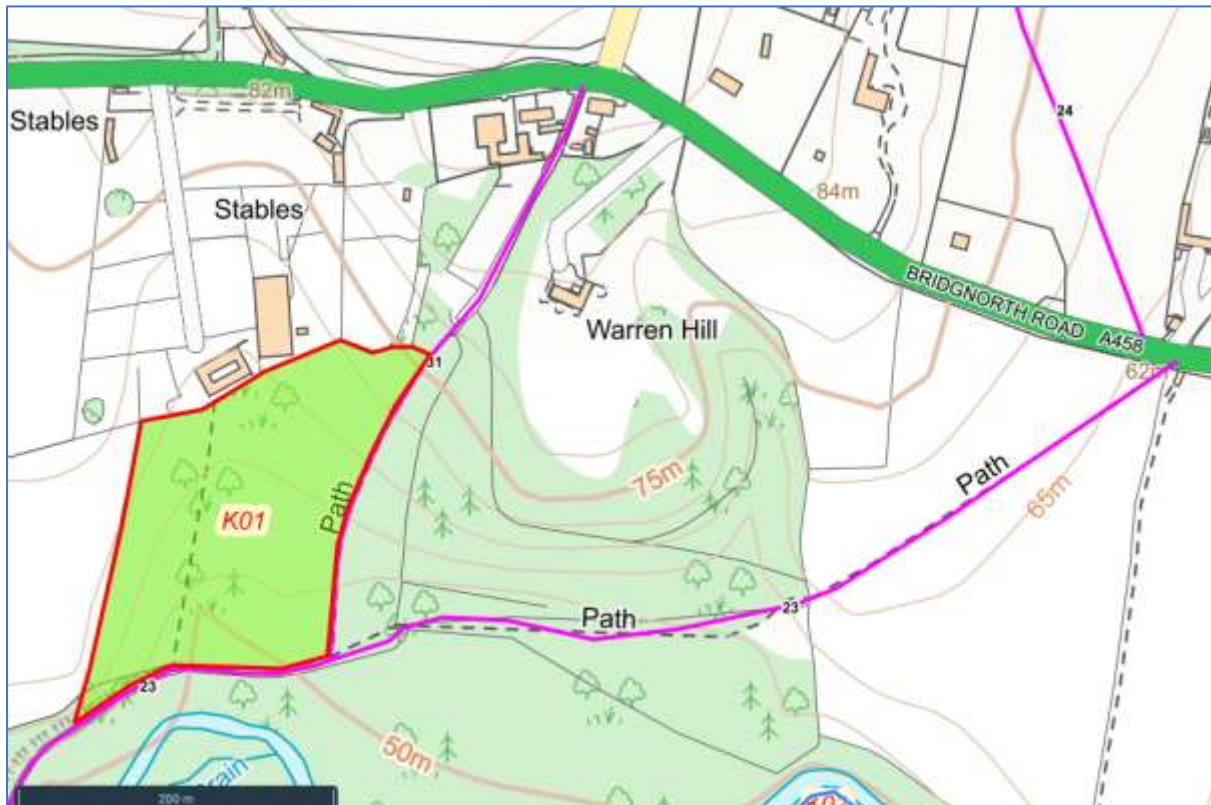


Name of Space	K01 Chance Wood
Street/Location	South of Bridgnorth Road Stourton
Post Code	DY7 5BQ
Grid ref	SO8522384755
Brief Description	Hidden gem. Worcs Wildlife Trust Reserve, hillside woodland left to nature. Full of wildlife/flowers, and a Victorian dog cemetery

Plan



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

Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	✓	Yes	Just north of Kinver Village and adjoining Stourton, beside frequently used footpaths linking Kinver, Stourton and The Hyde.
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 (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife.	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	Ramblers, dog walking, runners, bird watchers and families use this area daily. Footpaths 23 and 31 lead to this area.
	✓	Wildlife, ecology	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Reserve, with high density of bird boxes. Area has an abundance of birds, wildlife/flowers. In spring, carpets of snowdrops and bluebells start the year. Nuthatch, Treecreeper, purple hairstreak butterflies, shaggy inkcap fungi have all been recorded, with several bat species. Priority Habitat deciduous woodland. Part of the Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area identified by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Abuts The Hyde Biodiversity Alert Site.
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		Heritage	A dog and pet cemetery dating from 1869 can be found just off the path, romantically overgrown but with inscriptions still legible.
		Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	Beautiful tranquil area. Near to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal and river Stour, just above The Hyde historic hamlet, with glimpses across rolling paddocks towards Kinver.
		Other incl flood mitigation, local food	
Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	2.8
		Local character	Yes , near local settlements and used by local people
Planning permissions or site allocations		None.	
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve		Green Belt Worcestershire Wildlife Trust reserve Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area	
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:





Dog gravestone

