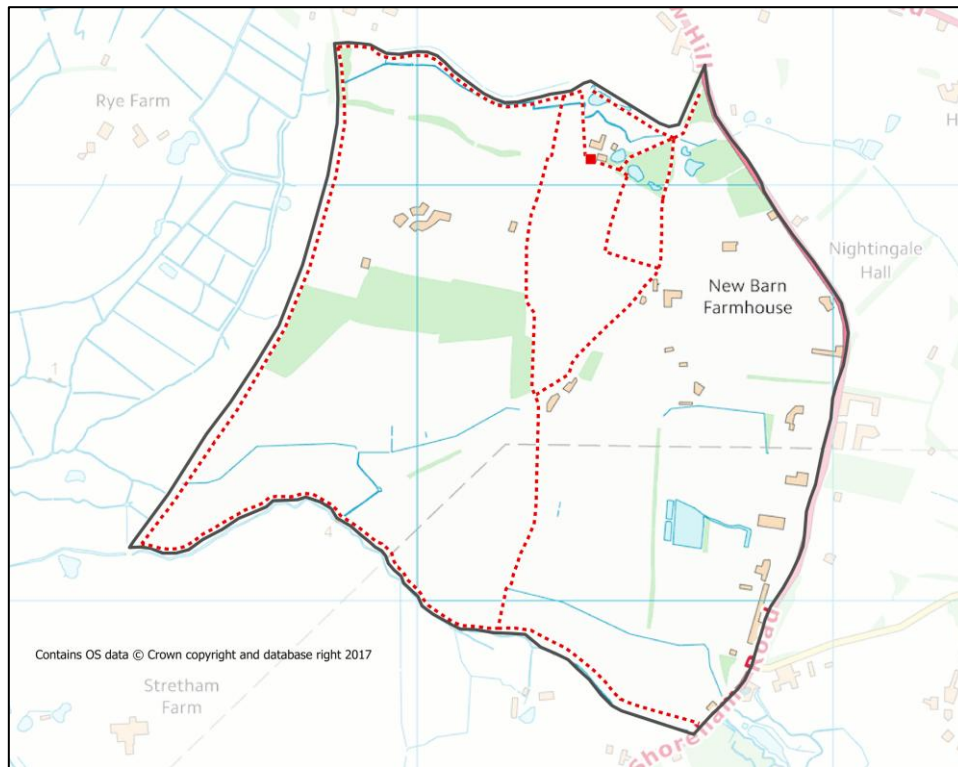


Henfield Birdwatch – Area 10 walk



Start in Dagbrook Lane, turn left and follow the footpath through Broadmere Common (TQ216151). You may spot Coots, Moorhens, Mallards and maybe a Heron on the ponds. In the spring and summer months, Dragonflies, Damselflies and Butterflies can be seen. Whitethroats are also commonplace and you may be lucky enough to hear a rare Turtle Dove. Upon reaching New Barn Lane, keep right and continue on to a five bar gate.

A short distance beyond the gate, turn left (TQ213145) into the first of several fields which will lead you to the Mill Stream. There is a stile into the last field. Buzzards and Kestrels hunt over these fields and smaller birds frequent the hedgerows. Skylarks and Meadow Pipits are often present in the fields on both sides of the stream. Turn right and follow the stream (TQ211139) until you reach another stile that provides access to the Downslink (TQ203141). Follow the Downslink path until it crosses Sandy Lane and turn sharp right down a steep, narrow footpath. Turn left at the bottom (TQ208153) and follow the footpath all the way to the end. There are two stiles and a boardwalk on this path. Birds you might see include Goldcrests and Song Thrushes.

At the end of the footpath, turn right and walk through the field back to Dagbrook Lane. You may hear a Nightingale or see a Roe Deer in the field. The walk takes about 2 1/2 hours. Some areas can be muddy in the winter months