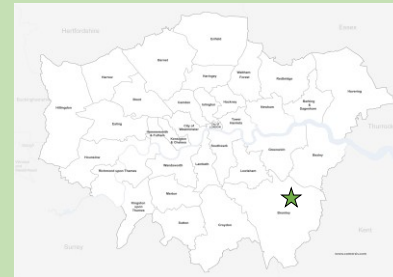




# Chislehurst Commons

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## About us

Chislehurst Commons, encompassing both Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray Commons, comprises 180 acres (73 ha) of woods, grassland, heathland and several ponds in Chislehurst in the London Borough of Bromley. They are the original common land of the local manors.

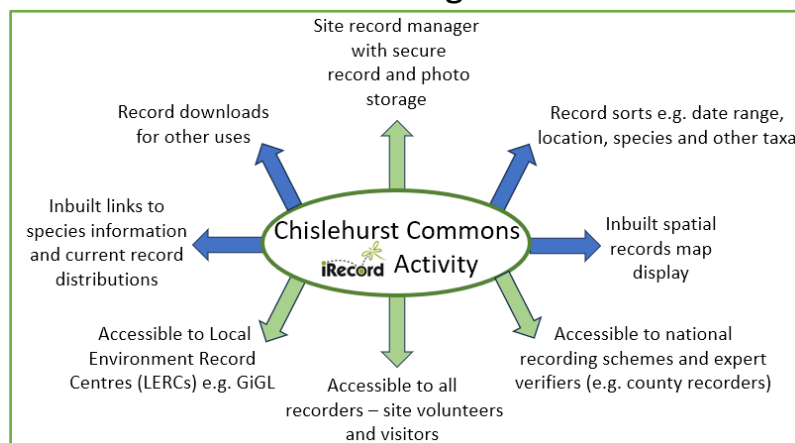


The land now owned by the Chislehurst Society, is protected under an Act of Parliament passed in 1888. Under the Act a Board of unpaid Trustees has legal responsibility for managing, maintaining and conserving the Commons (now a registered charity).



## Raising site biodiversity and habitat awareness

- Access to site biological records is crucial, especially for an independently managed site, but often it isn't straightforward given the many recording routes.
- To better understand potential gaps we have reappraised our in-house recording.
- Contributing to initiatives run by others (e.g. Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group - KRAG) and trialling a free iRecord site Activity – sign into [www.irecord.org.uk](http://www.irecord.org.uk) and go to Activities.
- Working with GiGL to ensure our records are available for local ecological services.



## Chislehurst Commons iRecord Activity

Species	Common name	Species group	Date	Recorder	Map ref.	Location	WCA county	Determiner	Sample comment
<i>Heterogaster urticae</i>	Nettle Groundbug	insect - true bug (Hemiptera)	15/07/2023	Jennings, Kevin	TQ440707	Chislehurst Common	West Kent		Pickland Pond. On bankside nettles.
<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	Gatekeeper	insect - butterfly	15/07/2023	Jennings, Kevin	4	Chislehurst Common	West Kent		Pickland Pond. On chalkland waterside vegetation.
<i>Stenodema (Brachystina) calcareola</i>		insect - true bug (Hemiptera)	12/07/2023	Jennings, Kevin	6	Chislehurst Common	West Kent		Grassland verge central unmown refuge sweep net sample D2. ID based on double spurs on hind femora as described by www.britishtaxa.org.uk
<i>Propepla quatuordecimpunctata</i>	14-spot Ladybird	insect - beetle (Coleoptera)	12/07/2023	Jennings, Kevin	7	Chislehurst Common	West Kent		Grassland verge central unmown refuge sweep net sample D1.
<i>Aphanes australis</i>	Slender Parsley-giant	flowering plant	05/03/2023	wheeler, mary	2	Chislehurst common	West Kent		
<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>	Gatekeeper	insect - butterfly	13/07/2023	wheeler, mary	6	St. Paul's Cray Common	West Kent		

Example photos from records viewable using our iRecord Activity. These currently include 26 butterfly species, 16 dragonfly species and many other groups. Please take a look...



## Volunteers

Apart from two keepers, the Commons depends on volunteers for all aspects of site conservation management. With few experienced biological recorders the Commons welcomes additional support from specialist recorders and natural history groups. If you feel you might be able to help we would be pleased to hear from you.