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Nephrotoma flavescens Tiger Crane-fly

THIS LOCATION IS REFERRED TO AS

LIME KILN DOWN

And for biological records as

LIME KILN CHALK SU12.080

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Lime Kiln Down.

Introduction

The title for the site has been deliberately chosen as the site is not entirely Chalk and not entirely a way. A road nearby is named "Lime Kiln Way". The site is officially known as "Lime Kiln Way Open Space". "Lime Kiln Down" is the preferred description.

Lime Kiln Down is situated off the Odstock Road on the right hand side of the approach to Salisbury District Hospital from Salisbury. A site information board for Lime Kiln Way Open Space is located at the entrance at the Odstock Road layby. Salisbury Cathedral can be seen to the north. See map in centre of this booklet.

Lime kiln Down consists of 9.6 hectares of grassland with numerous wildflowers, clumps of brambles and bushes and is surrounded mostly with trees. The dominant species such as the Rosebay Willowherb, Old Man's Beard, Bramble and bushes are being controlled by cutting and scything to protect and enhance the grassland and wildflowers. This is done by volunteers under the guidance of Salisbury Area Greenspace Partnership.

There is a splendid display of Pyramidal Orchids in June 2018 and the appearance of an extremely rare Lizard Orchid attracted a lot of attention.

Earlier in the year abundant cowslips can be seen and as summer progresses numerous colourful wildflowers appear attracting insects. Often the sky is full of swallows, swifts and house martins, however, it has been noted that so far in 2018 house martins and swallows are much lower in numbers.

A number of birds of importance have been identified by local wildlife groups as being at Lime Kiln Down. The Linnet, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting are of Red Conservation status nationally and Common White Throat of Amber Conservation status, (Ref 1).

A group (charm) of Goldfinches can also be seen and heard at Lime Kiln Down.

There was a proposal put forward for the development of a GP Centre at the north–eastern edge of the site.

A *Preliminary Ecological Appraisal* was produced for NHS Wiltshire CCG (ref. NHS-170916), (Ref 1).

This report refers to Lime Kiln Down as "Lime Kiln Chalk Meadow". The report highlights the contribution of work done by local wildlife groups and experts in identifying the ecological value of Lime Kiln Down.

The site has been assessed as HG3, semi-natural grassland site with high species diversity.

HG3 designated sites are to be protected as safeguarded land; protected from both housing and employment.

A bulk standard calcareous grassland information sheet was produced in the name of Lime Kiln Chalk, grazing is largely irrelevant to this individual site as the site is not fenced. (Ref. 2)

The site was designated as a County Wildlife Site in 2013, (Ref 3)

There are other forms of site designations for lowland calcareous grassland, the National Vegetation Classifications, (NVC). Calcareous grassland designations are firstly based on the characteristic grasses and associated herbaceous plants. The Trees, Shrubs and Herbs considered native, associated with calcareous grassland, at Lime Kiln Down numbered 39 (in addition to the sedge and grasses).

The category that suits best is CG6 and is characterised by, *Avenula pubescens*, Downy Oat Grass.

Lime Kiln Down has 100% of the mentioned associated plant species.

The detail for this category is:-

- 1 dominated by various mixtures of Red Fescue and generally smaller amounts of Meadow and Downy Oat-grasses.
- 2 small quantities of Dandelion and Bird's-foot-trefoil scattered Glaucous Sedge, Rough Hawkbit, Ribwort Plantain, Salad Burnet and Stemless Thistle.
- 3 moister and more neutral soils on flat or gently sloping sites where there is a history of ploughing and little or no grazing.
- 4 widely scattered across lowland England.
- 5 the invertebrate associations are unclear.

That Lime Kiln Down is calcareous grassland is further supported by comparison with the list of calcareous associated plants, (Ref 4). Lime Kiln Down has 57 of the 124 species listed many of which are associated with northern limestone and more extreme environments. Lime Kiln Down reaches 46% of this list with the likelihood of a number of species, common in the area, yet to be identified.

If one were to assign a category **GC6** is the best fit, (Ref 4). It is therefore proposed that a NVC category GC6 be assigned to Lime Kiln Down. The foregoing provides evidence that Lime Kiln Down is, as has already been described, a lowland, high-quality, calcareous grassland, (Ref. 2).

The "ploughing", mentioned under 3 above, was the initial influx of footings extracts both from the building of the Hospital at top east of the site and the Housing Estate at bottom north of the site and previous land use. The site is unfenced.

The pits in the centre of the eastern end of the site have signs of modification for mountain bikes when they were more in vogue. In 2016 vegetation had also been cut to create a clear route, the tyre marks being clear. This year, 2018, there were signs of a powered bike being ridden on the site but not through the area of the pits. This forms another level of disturbance.

Even though the site is unfenced it has been grazed by tethered horses. However in 2018 the presence of three horses was far too much for the site. These were being accessed by vehicle in 2018.

Plant surveys were carried out during 2015 by South Wiltshire Biodiversity Group and involving the Salisbury & District Natural History Society (SDNHS). (Ref. 5)

This booklet is produced from the results of further surveys undertaken from June 2017 to August 2019. Surveys that record just the species are termed Preliminary Phase I Habitat Surveys, (Ref.6)

A Reptile Survey in 2017 continued into 2018 uses corrugated iron as refuges, (Ref. 7)

A moth survey is being carried out in 2019 and the author is very grateful for the lists of moths.

Additional contributors are in brackets after the species name.

This booklet is being continually updated with any additional species.

RESULTS

The extended Phase I has resulted in the identification of 3 additional species requiring Phase II(2) assessment and these have been recorded, namely, the Slow-worm, *Anguis fragilis*, the Hornet Robberfly, *Asilus crabroniformis*, and the Small Eggar moth, *Eriogaster lanestris*.

In addition the following should be noted.

First, *Meloe proscarabaeus*, the Black Oil Beetle is a UK BAP (Biodiversity Action Plan) Priority species and hence comes under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 – Species of Principal importance in England.

[Species "of principle importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity" are covered under section 41 (England) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its duties to conserving biodiversity, (ref 10).]

The spider, *Araneus alsine*, the Strawberry /Orange Wheelweaving Spider; *Liparus coronatus*, a weevil and a moth, *Catarhoe rubidata*, the Ruddy Carpet are Nationally Notifiable B, as declining species, (ref. 10).

These can all be considered as high fidelity species having dependence on habitat continuity. This is especially so for the slow-worm, (Ref. 7). It is also so for the Hornet Robberfly as this is not considered a "wandering" species and is highly dependent on its near environment, (Ref. 8).

The Small Eggar moth has suffered from the hedge trimming of its favoured foodplants mainly Hawthorn and Blackthorn that are both in numbers at Lime Kiln Down, (Ref. 9).

Identified by a local national expert on bees there is a European Red Book bee that only visits, *Odontites vernus*, Red Bartsia found at Lime Kiln Down.

In 2017 and 2018 Slow-worms were found during the surveys using three refugia set out at the eastern end near the area of pits in 2017 and at the western end in 2018, (Ref. 7). The site needs to be managed for Slow-worms as they are a protected species.

Tethered horse grazing resulted in severe sward reduction but the horse dung is important for the Hornet Robberfly as the larvae eat dung beetle larvae. The horses were removed in 2018.

Invertebrates at Lime Kiln Down

There are many more unidentified species at Lime Kiln Down then identified in the following lists. Everything listed can be seen from the network of pathways across the grassland.

These lists are for educational purposes only and may not be used for commercial gain.

Common Snails

Ariana arbustum Snail

Candidula intersecta Wrinkled Snail
Cepaea hortensis Yellow-lipped Snail
Capaea nemoralis Brown-lipped Snail

Cernuella virgata Striped snail

Helix aspersa Brown Garden Snail

Hygromia cinctella Girdled Snail

Monacha cantiana Kentish Snail Trichia hispida Hairy Snail

The number of snails at Lime Kiln Down is huge but based on a small number of species. The large numbers of dead snails is down to the numerous snail-eating species. The surrounding edges harbour brown garden snails. The western end appears to be the main area for the Wrinkled Snail. The Kentish Snail is prevalent over the whole site as is *Arianta arbustorum* but this is more scattered. The Striped Snail appears to be confined to the north-east of the site. Both Yellow-lipped and Brown-lipped Snails are also found in more covered areas. A few other species are in small numbers and need identifying. These give an indication of the wet nature of the site, unusual for a calcareous site indicating that calling it chalk is misleading. Two are known to tolerate drier conditions the Wrinkled Snail and the Striped Snail. Incidentally, snail-shell will increase the calcification of the site (Ref. 4).

Excessive clearance of scrub destroys shelter and increases desiccation from wind. Successful re-introduction of species has not been demonstrated (Ref. 4).

The presence of snails leads to species that are parasitoids of the snails.

Coremacera marginata Snail Killing Fly

Drilus flavescens Beetle

Slugs

Arion ater agg. Black Slug (large black or orange slugs)

Arion flagellus Green-soled Slug

Arion subfuscus Dusky Slug

Note the use of agg. after a species name indicates aggregate and is used when the specific species in that group has not been determined. This also applies to Dandelions, blackberry Brambles and others.

Millipedes

Millipedes are long-lived animals. The, *Glomeris marginata*, the flat back Millipede under a log (near Wild Strawberry plants) and the very widespread *Cylindroiulus caeruleocinctus* are to be found at Lime Kiln Down.

Cylindroiulus caeruleocinctus Millipede
Glomeris marginata Pill Millipede
Polydesmus inconstans Flat Back Millipede

Few centipedes are associated with calcareous habitats and none have been found.

Woodlice

Woodlice however are present including the Common Pill Woodlouse *Armadillidium vulgare*, and the Pill woodlouse *Armadillidium nasatum* is particularly associated with calcareous habitats.

Armadillidium vulgare
Armadillidium nasatum

Oniscus asellus Philoscia muscorum Porcellio scaber Common Pill Woodlouse

A pill woodlouse The Shiny Woodlouse The Striped Woodlouse Common Rough Woodlouse

The earthworm, *Lumbricus rubellus*, was uncovered during scrub clearance and a large *Lumbricus terrestris* disturbed in its hole under a log.

Ants

The number and size of the anthills indicate that the site has not been trampled as the nests are friable. These anthills reveal a high loam content over any underlying chalk. Slow-worms will burrow into anthills. This not widely known that slow-worms are a sub-terranean species and can burrow into friable soil very rapidly.

The main ants making hills are Yellow Meadow ants, Lasius flavus, and the black garden ant, Lasius niger. Among other ants are the red ants Myrmica rubra, Myrmica sulcinodis and Temnothorax affinis (Leptothorax interuptus) a small red ant that nested under a reptile refuge. There are number of ants that have not been formally identified.

Hemiptera

Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale

Adelphocorus lineolatus

Aelia acuminata

Athysanus argentarius

Blepharidopterus angulatus

Calocoris alpestris
Closterotomus fulvomaculatus

Coreus marginatus
Coriomeris denticulatus

Corixidae Bug

Drymus sylvaticus

Dolycoris baccarum

Gonocerus acuteangulatus

Leptopterna ferrugata or L. dolabrata

Lygus rugulipennis Nabis rugosus Palomena prasina

Pentatoma rufipes

Philaenus spumarius

Phytocoris varipes Picromerus bidens

Rhopalus subrufus

Scolopostethus decoratus

Hawthorn Shieldbug

Lucerne Bug

Bishop's Mitre Shieldbug

Planthopper

Black-kneed Capsid

Mirid Bug Plant Bug Dock Bug Shield Bug

Lesser Water Boatman (flew to moth light)

Lygaeid Bug Sloe Bug Box Bug

Nymph (species not determined)

Tarnished Plant Bug Common Damsel Bug Green Shield Bug

Forest Bug

Common Froghopper/Spittle Bug

Mirid Bug Shield Bug

Bug

Lygaeid (Ground) Bug

Stenocranus minutus Planthopper
Stenodema laevigata Grass Mirid Bug
Stenotus binotatus Mirid Bug

Tritomegas bicolor Pied Shield Bug

Leafhoppers

Empoasca decipiens Green Leafhopper
Ribautiana tenerrima Bramble Leafhopper

Butterflies, moths and bees visit the wildflowers. There are ground nesting bumble bees, and solitary mining bees and wasps. The bees have been surveyed and reported centrally as numbering approximately 50 different visiting species.

Butterflies

Aglais urticae Small Tortoiseshell

Anthocharis cardamines

Aphantopus hyperantus

Aricia agestis (female)

Brown Argus

Celastrina argiolus Holly Blue
Coenonympha pamphilus Small Heath
Gonepteryx rhamni Brimstone
Inachis io Peacock

Maniola jurtina Meadow Brown
Melanargia galathea Marbled White
Ochlodes venata Large Skipper
Pararge aegeria sp insula Speckled Wood
Pieris brassicae Large White

Pieris napi Green-veined White

Pieris rapae Small White Polygonia c-album Comma

Polyommatus icarus Common Blue
Pyronia tithonus Gatekeeper
Pyrgus malvae Grizzled Skipper
Thecla betulae Brown Hairstreak #

Thymelicus sylvestris Small Skipper
Vanessa atalanta Red Admiral
Vanessa cardui Painted Lady

The Brown Hairstreak is a Section 41 species of principle importance under the NERC Act in England. Eggs were discovered by a local wildlife group survey, (Ref 1).

There is an ongoing moth survey in 2019. In the following moth lists an (S) is a survey addition and (C) is confirmation of a previously recorded moth.

Macro Moths

Abraxas grossulariata The Magpie
Acronicta leporina Miller (S)
Acronicta rumicis Knotgrass

Agrotis clavis Heart and Club (S)
Agrotis exclamationis Heart and Dart(S)
Agrotis puta Shuttle-shaped Dart(S)

Agrotis putris

Alcis repandata

Apamea lithoxylaea

Apamea monoglypha

The Flame (S)

Mottled Beauty (S)

Light Arches (S)

Dark Arches (S)

Apamea sordens

Apamea sublustris

Anada limasedes

Fostoon (S)

Apoda limacodes Festoon (S) Autographa gamma Silver Y

Biston betularia Peppered Moth (S)
Caliteara pudibunda Pale Tussock (S)
Callimorpha dominula Scarlet Tiger (C)
Camptogramma bilineata Yellow Shell (C)
Caradrina morpheus Mottled Rustic (S)

Catarhoe rubidata Ruddy Carpet (Notable B) (S)

Cerastis leucographa White Marked
Charanyca trigrammica Treble Lines (S)

Chloroclystis v-ata V-Pug

Cidaria fulvata Barred Yellow fp Roses (S)
Cilix glaucata Chinese Character Moth

Diarsia mendica Ingrailed Clay

Deilephila elpenor Elephant Hawkmoth (S)

Deilephila porcellus Small Elephant Hawkmoth (S)
Dysstroma truncata Common Marbled Carpet (S)

Eilema griseola

Eilema sororcula

Epirrhoe alternata

Eriogaster lanestris

Euclidia glyphica

Eupithecia centaureata

Dingy Footman

Orange Footman

Common Carpet (C)

Small Eggar moth

Burnet Companion

Lime-specked Pug (C)

Eupithecia subumbrata Shaded Pug (S)
Eupithecia tantillaria Dwarf Pug (S)

Eupithecia tripunctaria White-spotted Pug

Euthrix potatoria The Drinker

Gymnoscelis rufifasciata Double-striped Pug (S)

Habrosyne pyitoides
Hadena compta
Varied Coronet (S)
Hecatera bicolorata
Broad-barred White (S)
Hemithea aestivaria
Common Emerald (S)

Hoplodrina octogenarian Uncertain (S)
Idaea aversata Riband Wave (S)

Idaea biselataSmall Fan-footed WaveIdaea dimidiataSingle-dotted WaveIdaea trigeminataTreble Brown-spot (C)Korscheltellus (Hepialus) lupulinusCommon Swift(S)

Lacanobia w-latinum

Light Brocade (S)

Laspeyria flexula

Lomographa temerata

Clouded Silver (S)

Macroglossum stellatarum

Meganola albula

Menophra abruptaria

Mythimna albipuncta

Mythimna impura

Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Kent Black Arches (S)

Waved Umber (S)

White-point (S)

Smoky Wainscot (S)

Mythimna pallens Common Wainscot(S)

Mythimna ferrago Clay (S)

Noctua fimbriata Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing(S)

Noctua pronuba

Large yellow Underwing (S)

Nola cucullatella

Short-cloaked Moth (S)

Ochropleura plectra

Flame Shoulder(S)

Oligia fasciuncula Middle-barred Minor(S)
Oligia latruncula Tawny Marbled Minor (S)

Oligia strigilis Marbled Minor (S)
Opisthograptis luteolata Brimstone Moth(S)
Orgyia antiqua Vapourer (Larva)

Orthosia gracilis Powdered Quaker (S)
Peribatodes rhomdoidaria Willow Beauty (S)
Philereme transversata Dark Umber (S)
Phragmatobia fuliginosus Ruby Tiger Moth

Rhodometra sacraria

Rivula sericealis

Straw Dot (C)

Rusina ferruginea

Brown rustic (S)

Scopula imitaria

Small Blood-vein (S)

Scotopteryx chenopodiata

Spilosoma lubricipeda

The Vestal

Straw Dot (C)

Brown rustic (S)

Small Blood-vein (S)

Shaded Broad Bar

White Ermine Moth

Sphinx ligustri Privet Hawkmoth (S)

Tyria jacobaeae The Cinnabar

Xanthorhoe ferrugata Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet (C)

Xanthorhoe montanata Silver-ground Carpet (S)

Xestia c-nigrum Setaceous Hebrew Character(S)

Xestia triangulum Double Square-spot (S)
Xestia xanthographa Square-spot Rustic (C)

Zygaena filipendulae Six-spot Burnet

Micro-moths

Acleris variegana Garden Rose Tortrix
Agonopterix heracliana Common Flat-body
Agriphila straminella Straw Grass-veneer

Agriphila tristella Common Grass-veneer
Alabonia geoffrella Common Tubic

Anania hortulata Small Magpie
Ancylis badiana Common Roller(S)

Anthophila fabriciana Nettle-tap

Archips podana Large Fruit-tree Tortrix (S)

Blastobasis adustella Furness Dowd (S)
Celypha lacunana Common Marble(C)

Celypha rivulana Silver-stripped Marble fp Hawkweeds, Plantains, Orchids +

Chrysoteuchia culmella Garden Grass-veneer(C)

Clepsis consimilana Privet Tortrix fp. many trees & shrubs

Cnephasia stephensiana agg. Grey Tortrix dark form (S)

Cochylimorpha straminea Straw Conch fp Common Knapweed

Coptotriche marginea Bordered Carl

Crambus lathoniellus Hook-streak Grass-veneer (C)

Crambus perlella Satin Grass-veneer (C)

Dichrorampha alpinana Broad-blotch Drill fp Oxeye Daisy
Dichrorampha petiverella Common Drill fp Yarrow + other

Dichrorampha simpliciana Round-winged Drill (fp in roots of Mugwort)

Emmelina monodactyla Common plume

Endothenia marginana Bordered Marble (near roadside probably not resident)

Endotricha flammealis Rosy Tabby (S)

Epiblema scutulana Thistle Bell (disturbed from Spear Thistle)

Eucosma campolilianaMarbled Bell (S)Eudonia lacustrataLittle Grey(S)Eupoecilia angustanaMarbled Conch (S)Eudonia pallidaMarsh Grey(C)

Gillmeria pallidactyla Yarrow Plume (TBC)

Glyphipterix simpliciella Cocksfoot Moth

Pale-bordered Piercer Grapholita janthinana Buff-tipped Marble (S) Hedya ochroleucana

Hedya prunaria Plum Tortrix

Homoeosoma sinuella Twin-barred Knot-horn (S)

Isotrias rectifasciana Hedge Shade fp unknown possibly Hawthorn

Lozotaenia forsterana Large Ivy Twist

Little Cosmet fp Rosebay Willowherb Mompha raschkiella

Nematopogon metaxella Buff Long-horn (S) Nomophila noctuella Rush Veneer

Notocelia (Epiblema) trimaculana Triple-Blotched Bell fp Hawthorn

Notocelia uddmanniana Bramble Shoot Moth(C) Paraswammerdamia nebulella Hawthorn Ermel (S) Phyllonorycter corylifoliella Hawthorn Midget Pleuroptya ruralis Mother-of-pearl Plutella xylostella Diamond Back

Pseudagyrotoza conwagana Yellow-spot Twist (S)

Pseudoswammerdamia combinella Copper-tipped Ermel fp Blackthorn(S)

Psyche casta Common Sweep (Larval case)

Pterophorus pentadactyla White Plume (C) Pyrausta aurata Small Purple & Gold Scoparia ambigualis Common Grey(S) Scoparia pyralella Meadow Grey(C) Spilonota ocellana

Stigmella aurella Golden Pigmy (leaf mine on Bramble)

Bud Moth (S)

Udea ferrugalis Rusty-dot Pearl

Bees

Andrena cineraria **Grey Mining Bee**

Andrena minutula Bee Anthophora plumipes Bee

Apis mellifera Honey Bee

Bombus lapidarius Red-tailed Bumble-bee Bombus pascuorum Common Carder Bee

Cuckoo Bee Nomada goodeniana

As there are over 50 species found to visit the site only experts can identify them all and some require DNA analysis to separate them.

Sawflies

Athalia rosae **Turnip Sawfly** Cephus pygmaeus Grass Stem Borer

Tenthredo arcuata Sawfly
Tenthredo marginella Sawfly

Wasps

Amblyteles armatorius Ichneumon
Caliadurgus fasciatelius Solitary Wasp
Chrysididae species Ruby-tailed Wasp

Habrocampulum biguttatum
Ichneumon extensorius
Ichneumon sarcitorius
Ichneumon
Tiphia femorata
Vespula germanica
Vespula vulgaris
Vulgichneumon saturatorius
Ichneumon
Common Wasp
Ichneumon
Ichneumon

The presence of galls indicates the presence of the gall wasps. The most obvious of these are the red Pincushion Galls of *Diplolepis rosae* on rose species and the long galls of *Diastrophus rubi* on bramble stems.

Other Galls

The Bedstraw Gall mite, *Cecidophyes rouhollahi*, causes the forming of gall "fingers" at the end of Goosegrass making it look like a different plant.

Rivet Galls on Dogwood leaves are caused by *Craneiobia corni* the Dogwood Rivet Gall Midge. Hairy grey galls on Germander Speedwell are caused by the midge, *Jaapiella veronicae*. The Hawthorn Button Top Galls, crumpled leaves at the end of a branch, are caused by a midge, *Dasineura crataegi*. A fly *Urophora cardui* causes galls in thistle stems. A fungus *Taphrina pruni* causes Pocket Plum Galls on Blackthorn.

Aphids

Anoecia corni Common Dogwood/grass Aphid

Megora viciae Vetch Aphid

Uroleucon sonchi Sow Thistle Aphid

Thrips

Aeolothrips intermedius agg. Thrip

Beetles In 2018 there were a large number of Garden Chafers at Lime Kiln Down.

Agapanthia villosoviridescens Golden-bloomed Grey Longhorn

Agonum fuliginosum Ground Beetle

Agrypnus murina Mousegrey Click beetle

Altica oleracea Leaf Beetle

Amara aenea Common sun beetle

Apion (Oxystoma) pomonae Weevil
Athous haemorrhoidalis Click beetle
Cetonia aurata Rose Chafer
Coccinella 7-punctata 7 spot ladybird

Drilus flavescens Larva

Galeruca tanaceti Leaf Beetle

Grammoptera ruficornis Longhorn Beetle
Harmonia axyridis f.succinea Harlequin Ladybird

Liparus coronatus Weevil
Lochmaea crataegi Leaf beetle

Longitarsus jacobaeae Tansy Ragwort Flea Beetle

Meloe proscarabaeus Black Oil Beetle Melolontha melolontha Cockchafer

Ocypus olens Devil's Coach Horse
Oedemera lurida Dull Green Beetle
Oedemera nobilis Green beetle

Oedemera virescens Beetle

Paradromius linearis Ground Beetle
Paederus littoralis Rove beetle
Phyllobius argentatus Weevil

Phyllopertha horticola Garden Chafer
Propylea quattuordecimpunctata 14-spot Ladybird
Psylliodes chrysocephla Cabbage Flea Beetle

Pterostichus rhaeticus Ground beetle Rhagonycha fulva Soldier beetle Sitona lineatus Pea Weevil

Strangalia maculata

Longhorn Beetle
Subcoccinella 24-punctata

24 –spot Ladybird

Tachyporus hypnorum Rove Beetle

Timarcha tenebricosa Bloody-nosed beetle

Typhaeus typhoeus Minotaur beetle (soil mounds, like molehills)

Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata 16 Spot Ladybird



Lime Kiln Down site map

Grasshoppers

Chorthippus brunneus Field grasshopper
Chorthippus parallelus Meadow Grasshopper

Omocestus viridulus Common green Grasshopper

Bush-crickets

Conocephalus discolor Long-winged Conehead Leptophyes punctissima Speckled Bush-cricket Metrioptera roeselii Roesel's Bush-cricket Pholidoptera griseoaptera Dark Bush-cricket

Earwigs

Forficula auricularia Common Earwig

To complete the list of visiting and resident insects are the flies and dragonflies some are resident and breed on site as do *Chrysotoxum bicinctum* and *C. festivum* associated with the ants' nests.

Flies

Asilus crabroniformis Hornet Robberfly
Bibio marci St. Marks-fly
Bombylius discolor Dotted Bee Fly

Bombylius major Bee Fly Chloromyia formosa Soldierfly

Chrysoperia carnea Common Green Lacewing

Coremacera marginata Snail Killing Fly

Conops quadrifasciatus Conopid
Dexia rustica Tachinid Fly

Haematopota pluvialis Notched-horned Cleg

Lucilia caesar Greenbottle

Machimus atricapillus Kite Tailed Robberfly
Machimus cingulatus Brown Heath Robberfly

Minettia fasciata Lauxaniid Fly

Musca autumnalis Fly
Myopa fasciata Conopid

Nephrotoma flavescens

Neomyia cornicina

Panorpa communis

Panorpa cognata

Tiger Crane-fly

Greenbottle

Scorpion fly

Scorpion Fly

Pollenia rudis Common Cluster Fly

Sarcophaga africa Flesh fly
Sarcophaga carnaria Flesh-fly
Sargus cuprarius Soldierfly

Scathophaga stercoraria Yellow Dung Fly
Sepsis fulgens Lesser Dung Fly

Sicus ferrugineus Larvae are endoparasites of Bombus sp.

Tachina fera Tachinid
Thelaira nigripes Tachinid
Tipula paludosa Cranefly
Tipula vernalis Cranefly

Trichocera annulata agg. Winter Gnat

Hoverflies

Chrysotoxum bicinctum Hoverfly Chrysotoxum festivum Hoverfly Epistrophe diaphana Hoverfly Episyrphus balteatus Hoverfly Eristalis abusivus Hoverfly Eristalis arbustorum Hoverfly Eristalis horticola Hoverfly Eristalis interruptus Hoverfly Eristalis pertinax Hoverfly Eristalis tenax Hoverfly **Eupeodes luniger** Hoverfly Eupeodes corollae Hoverfly **Eupeodes latifasciatus** Hoverfly Helophilus pendulus Hoverfly

Merodon equestris var. equestris

Hoverfly (Bumble bee mimic)

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Myathropa florea Hoverfly
Paragus haemorrhous Hoverfly
Platycheirus manicatus Hoverfly
Rhingia campestris Fly
Scaeva pyrastri Hoverfly
Sphaerophoria interrupta agg. Hoverfly

Sphaerophoria scripta Hoverfly
Syritta pipiens Hoverfly
Syrphus ribesii Hoverfly

Volucella bombylans var. bombylans Hoverfly (Bumble bee mimic)

Volucella bobylans var.plumata Hoverfly (Bumble bee mimic)

Volucella pellucens Hoverfly

Caddisfly

Mystacides longicornis Grousewing

Mayfly

Heptagenia sulphurea Mayfly

Dragonflies

Colopteryx splendens Banded demoiselle Cordulegaster boltonii Gold-ringed Dragonfly Libellula depressa **Broad-bodied Chaser** Pyrrhosoma nymphula Large Red damselfly

Sympetrum sanguineum Ruddy Darter

Spiders

Orb web Spider Agalenatea redii Agelena labyrinthica Funnel web spider

Alopecosa pulverulenta Spider

Araneus alsine Strawberry / Orange Wheelweaving Spider

Araneus diadematus Orb Web spider Orb Web spider Araneus marmoreus Araneus quadratus Orb Web spider Argiope bruennichi Wasp spider

Cheiracanthium erraticum Longlegged Sac Spider

Clubiona diversa **Hunting Spider**

Dictyna arundinacea Mesh Web Spider (female)

Enoplognatha ovata Comb-footed Spider

Euophrys frontalis Spider Heliophanus flavipes Spider

Meta mengei (referred also as Metelina mengei) Orb Web Spider Meta (Metelina) segmentata Orb Web Spider

Crab spider "White Death Spider" Misumena vatia

Sheet Web Spider Neriene peltata Nigma puella Cribellate spider Ozyptila atomaria Crab spider Pardosa nigriceps Wolf Spider Philodromus cespitum **Hunting Spider** Pisaura mirabilis

Nursery Web Spider

Salticus scenicus Zebra Spider

Tibellus oblongata Spider on grass stems

Trochosa terricola Spider

Walckenaeria acuminata Spider under stone

Xysticus bifasciatus Spider on flower head

Xysticus cristatus Spider on low vegetation

Zelotes latreillei A black spider

Harvestmen

Leiobunum blackwalli Harvestman Leiobunum rotundum Harvestman Rilaena triangularis Harvestman

Vertebrates at Lime Kiln Down

Mammals

Apodemus sylvaticus Wood (Long-tailed Field) Mouse

Equus (domestic) Horse (grazing on tether)

Felix (domestic)

Lepus europaeus

Meles meles

Sorex araneus

Talpa europaea

Domestic cat

Brown Hare

Badger

Shrew

Mole

Vulpes vulpes Fox

Bats

Nyctalus noctula Common Noctule Bat (S)

Pipistrellus pipistrellus Pipistrelle Bat (S)

Pipistrellus pygmaeus Soprano Pipistrelle Bat(S)

Birds

This not a comprehensive list of the birds nesting or visiting Lime Kiln Down. I have listed a couple of books with recorded birdsongs but this list is based on sightings.

Visitors

Accipiter nisus Sparrowhawk

Apus apus Swift
Buteo buteo Buzzard

Corvus corone Carrion Crow

Corvus frugilegus Rook
Corvus monedula Jackdaw
Delichon urbica House Martin

Falco tinnunculus Kestrel
Falco peregrinus Peregrine
Hirundo rustica Swallow

Passer domestica House Sparrow

Nesting

Aegithalus caudatus Long-tailed Tit

Alauda arvensis Skylark

Alectroris rufa Red-legged Grouse

Carduelis cannabina

Carduelis carduelis

Columba palumbus

Emberiza citrinella

Emberiza calandra

Linnet

Goldfinch

Woodpigeon

Yellow Hammer

Corn Bunting

Erithacus rubecula Robin

Locustella naevia Grasshopper warbler 2018

Parus caeruleus Blue Tit
Pica pica Magpie
Prunella modularis Dunnock
Sturnus vulgaris Starling

Sylvia communis Common White Throat

Turdus merula Blackbird
Turdus philomelos Song Thrush

This is not an exhaustive list.

Reptiles

Anguis fragilis Slow-worm
Natrix natrix Grass Snake

Pelias (Vipera) berus Adder

The following are lists of the plants that can be found at Lime Kiln Down. These can all be observed from the network of pathways that are maintained by Salisbury City Council in Lime Kiln Down except for 2 from the path by the field margin south of Lime Kiln Down.

The following plant lists also have a bracketed category as following:

(In) is Introduced and become naturalised

(A) is Archaeophyte uncertain whether native or introduced

(pN) is probably Native and (?) unknown origin

If the plant is considered native there is no category added.

These categories are based on Stace, 2016 (ref. 11) and give the following statistics as at August 2019. Grasses and Sedge 20 native out of 21, other herbaceous plants 106 native out of 140 and Trees and shrubs 16 native out of 28.

Sheep's Fescue

Grasses and sedges.

Festuca ovina

Agrostis capillaris Common Bent Agrostis stolonifera Creeping Bent Anisantha sterilis Barren Brome (A) Arrhenatherum elatius False Oat Grass Avenula (Helictotrichon) pubescens Downy Oat-grass Brachypodium sylvaticum False Brome Bromus hordeaceus Soft Brome Carex flacca Glaucus sedge Cynosurus cristatus Crested Dog's-tail Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot

Festuca pratensis

Festuca rubra ssp rubra

Holcus lanatus

Holcus mollis

Creeping Soft-grass

Lolium perenne

Perennial Rye-grass

Phleum bertolonii

Meadow Fescue

Red Fescue

Yorkshire Fog

Creeping Soft-grass

Perennial Rye-grass

Phleum pratense Timothy

Poa annua Annual Meadow Grass
Poa trivialis Rough Meadow Grass
Trisetum flavescens Yellow Oat Grass

Other Herbaceous plants

Achillea millefolium
Agrimonia eupatoria
Allium vineale var. compactum
Allium vineale var. 'Dready'
Anacamptis pyramidalis
Anagalis arvensis ssp. arvensis
Artisima vulgaris

Yarrow
Agrimony
Crow Garlic
Hair Garlic (?)
Pyramidal Orchid
Scarlet Pimpernel
Mugwort
(A)

Artisima vulgaris Mugwort (A)
Atropa belladonna Deadly Nightshade

Bellis perennis Daisy
Brassica napus Rape (In)

Calystegia pulchra Hairy Bindweed (?)
Calystegia sepium Hedge Bindweed
Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress

Centaurea cyanus Cornflower (A)
Centaurea nigra Common Knapweed
Centaurea scabiosa Greater Knapweed
Cerastium fontanum Common Mouse-ear
Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear
Cerastium semidecandrum Little Mouse-ear
Chaerophyilum temulum Rough Chervil

Chamerion angustifolium Rosebay Willowherb

Chenopodium album agg. Field margin off site Fat-hen

Cirsium acaule Dwarf Thistle
Cirsium arvense Creeping Thistle
Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle

Clematis vitalba Traveller's Joy /Old Man's Beard

Clinopodium vulgare Wild Basil
Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed

Crepis biennis Rough Hawk's-beard (pN)
Crepis capillaris Smooth Hawk's-beard
Dactylorhiza fuchsii Common Spotted-orchid

Dactylorhiza maculata Heath Spotted-orchid (lanceolate leaves)
Daucus carota ssp carota Wild Carrot /Queen Anne's Lace

Epilobium montanum Broad-leaved Willowherb

Epilobium parviflorum Hoary Willowherb

Epilobium tetragorum Square-stalked Willowherb

Erigeron acer Blue Fleabane
Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge (A)
Euphorbia lathyris Caper Spurge (A)
Ficaria verna Lesser Celandine
Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry

Fumaria officinalis agg. Common Fumitory (A)

Galium aparine Common Cleavers
Galium mullugo Hedge Bedstraw
Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw

Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill (A)
Geranium endressii x versicolor Druce's Crane's-bill (In)

Geranium pratense Meadow Crane's-bill

Geranium pyrenaicum Hedgerow Crane's-bill (In)

Geranium robertianum Herb Robert

Geum urbanum Wood Avens/Herb Bennet

Glechoma hederacea Ground-ivy

Gymnadenia conopsea Chalk Fragrant Orchid

Hedera helix Ivy

Heracleum sphondylium Hogweed
Himantoglossum hircinum Lizard Orchid

Hypericum hirsutum Hairy St. John's-wort
Hypericum perforatum Perforate St. John's-wort

Hypochaeris radicata Cat's-ear
Knautia arvensis Field Scabious
Lactuca virosa Great Lettuce

Lamium album

Lamium purpureum

Red Dead-nettle (A)

Lathyrus pratensis

Leontodon hispidus

Leontodon saxtalis

Leucanthemum vulgare

White Dead-nettle (A)

Red Dead-nettle (A)

Meadow Vetchling

Rough Hawkbit

Lesser Hawkbit

Oxeye Daisy

Linaria vulgaris Toadflax
Lotus corniculatus Common Bird's-foot-trefoil

Lotus pedunculatus (Lotus uliginosus)

Malva sylvestris

Common Mallow (A)

Matricaria discoidea

Pineapple Weed (In)

Medicago lupulina Black Medick

Muscari armeniacum Garden Grape-hyacinth (In)
Myosotis arvensis Field Forget-me-not (A)
Narcissus hispanicus Spanish Daffodil (In)

Odontites vernus Red Bartsia
Origanum vulgare Wild Marjoram

Orobanche elator Knapweed Broomrape
Orobanche minor Common Broomrape
Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy
Pastinaca sativa Wild Parsnip

Pilosella aurantiaca Orange Hawkweed/Fox-and-cubs

Pilosella officinarum Mouse-ear Hawkweed

Pimpinella saxifraga
Plantago lanceolate
Plantago major
Potentilla reptans
Burnet Saxifrage
Ribwort Plantain
Greater Plantain
Creeping Cinquefoil

Poterium sanguisorba ssp sanguisorba Salad Burnet
Primula veris Cowslip
Primula veris "Sunset Shades" Red Cowslip

Primula vulgaris Common Primrose

Prunella vulgaris Selfheal

Pulicaria dysenterica Common Fleabane
Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup

Ranunculus bulbosus

Ranunculus repens

Creeping Buttercup

Reseda lutea

Wild Mignonette

Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus

Rumex acetosa

Common Sorrel

Rumex crispus

Curled Dock

Rumex obtusifolius Broad-leaved Dock

Sanguisorba minor
Scabiosa columbaria
Senecio erucifolius
Senecio jacobaea
Senecio squalidus
Senecio vulgaris
Salad Burnet
Small Scabious
Hoary Ragwort
Common Ragwort
Oxford Ragwort (In)

Sherardia arvensis Field Madder

Silene latifolia White Campion (A)
Silene vulgaris Bladder Campion

Sinapsis arvensis Field margin off site Charlock (A)

Solanum dulcamara Bittersweet/Woody Nightshade

Solidago sp. A Golden Rod
Sonchus asper Prickly sow-thistle
Sonchus oleraceus Smooth sow-thistle
Stachys sylvatica Hedge Woundwort

Tamus communis Black Bryony
Taraxacum officinale agg. Dandelion
Taraxacum hamatum agg. Dandelion

Torilis japonica Upright Hedge-parsley

Tragopogon pratensis ssp. minor Goat's-beard Tragopogon pratensis ssp. pratensis Goat's-beard (In)

Trifolium campestre Hop Trefoil
Trifolium dubium Lesser Trefoil
Trifolium hybridum Alsike Clover (In)
Trifolium medium Zigzag Clover
Trifolium pratense Red Clover

Trifolium pratense f. albiflorum White-flowered Red Clover

Trifolium repens White Clover

Tripleurospermum inodorum Scentless Mayweed (A)
Tussilago farfara Colt's-foot (Leslie Lipscombe)

Urtica dioica Common Nettle
Valeriana officinalis Common Valerian
Veronica chamaedrys Germander Speedwell

Veronica persica Common Field-speedwell (In)

Vicia sativa ssp. segetalis

Vicia sativa ssp nigra

Common Vetch

Vicia sepium

Bush Vetch

Viola arvensis

Field Pansy (A)

Trees and shrubs

Acer campestre Field Maple

Acer platanoides Norway Maple (In)
Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore (In)
Buddleja davidii Butterfly Bush (In)

Cornus mas Cornelian Cherry (Leslie Lipscombe) (In)

Cornus sanguinea Dogwood
Corylus avellana Hazel

Cotoneaster horizontalis Wall Cotoneaster (In)

Cotoneaster integrifolius agg. Entire-leaved Cotoneaster (In)

Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Euonymus europaeus Spindle Fagus sylvatica Beech

Frangula alnus Alder Buckthorn

Fraxinus excelsior Ash

Juglans regia Common Walnut (In)

Ligustrum vulgare Wild Privet

Lonicera nitida Box-leaved Honeysuckle (In)

Malus pumila Apple (In)

Pinus contorta Lodgepole Pine (In)

Pinus nigra ssp nigra

Austrian Pine (In) planted

Pinus nigra ssp salzmannii

Corsican Pine (In) planted

Prunus avium Wild Cherry
Prunus spinosa Blackthorn
Pyracantha coccinea Firethorn (In)
Quercus robur Pedunculate Oak

Rhamnus cathartica Buckthorn
Rosa canina Dog Rose
Rubus caesius Dew Berry

Rubus fruticosus agg. Brambles (?)(Over 400 micro species in BI)

Sorbus aria agg. White Beam (pN)

Sorbus aucuparia Rowan

Sorba intermedia Sorbus intermedia group (In)

Ulmus procera English Elm (pN)
Viburnum lantana Wayfaring-tree

Viburnum opulus Guelder-rose /High-bush Cranberry

Fungi

Phragmidium violaceum Rhytisma acerinum Scleroderma citrinum Violet Bramble Rust
Tar Spot Fungus on Sycamore
Common Earthball

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