

North Parade

A woodland backdrop that says welcome to Frome.

Set back from one of the town's gentler hills - and with mature trees that are visible from across the town - North Parade is an important part of Frome's landscape.

On the edge of the town centre, it's also an important backdrop to one of the main routes in and out of Frome (and therefore an important part of the town's natural environment).

What you'll find here already

Woodland (trodden) trails and hidden dens

Deadwood habitats, including stacked & staked branches and limbs

A formal bed - lovingly planted by the Town Rangers

A training ground for the Critchill Rangers and other volunteer groups

Wild garlic, wildflowers and climbing & groundcover ivy creating a woodland floor habitat

A variety of significant mature trees - including Common Limes, Oaks, Sycamore, Ash, Yew, Beech and a rare-in-Frome Coastal Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)

Tucked away, one of the town's allotment sites; carefully managed by Frome's Allotment Association (with support from the Council)

Next steps for North Parade: aims & improvements

Tree trails

Arboretum-type labels to help enthusiasts and amateurs identify trees of interest; and hand-carved 'leaf labels' to identify trees for littler folks and people with a more casual interest

More naturalising bulbs

Year on year, we'll be planting up a variety of bulbs to provide colour, texture and seasonal interest during the year

More places for bugs and birds and bats to live

A festive welcome

The possibility of Christmas lights to welcome people to Frome, complementing those in the town centre

Appropriate woodland management

Thinning, coppicing and selective felling to accent the better trees and support habitats below the tree canopy

Other planting

Ornamental trees and flowering shrubs to complement the drifts of bulbs

Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Woodland/semi-natural woodland

Play & recreation value: Low to medium

Value for sport: Low

Landscape value: Medium to high

Habitat value: Medium

Amenity value: Low

Management Summary

We manage North Parade for its landscape and for its woodland habitat.

Approved at Council Matters: September 2018

Review schedule: Every other year

Next scheduled review: Autumn 2020