

# North Parade

A woodland backdrop that says welcome to Frome.

Set back from a couple of 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 trails and hidden dens
- Deadwood habitats, including stacked & staked branches and limbs
- A formal bed - planted up to provide a splash of seasonal colour as you come into the town
- A training ground for the Critchill Rangers
- 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*)
- And tucked away... one of Frome's vibrant and vital allotment sites

## Next steps for North Parade

- An independent tree survey for the space - by autumn 2021
- Tree labels - to help interested folks to identify trees
- More naturalising bulbs (year-on-year)
- More deadwood stacks - taking inspiration from the National Trust and places like the Newt
- Woodland management (on-going)
- Thinning, coppicing and selective felling to accent the better trees; and to support habitats below the tree canopy by letting in some more sunshine
- A full check of the retaining walls and steps around the space

## 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.

## Getting involved

We're working with a group of interested residents who live nearby; listening to their ideas

Approved at Council Matters: September 2020  
Review schedule: Every other year  
Next scheduled review: Autumn 2022

