

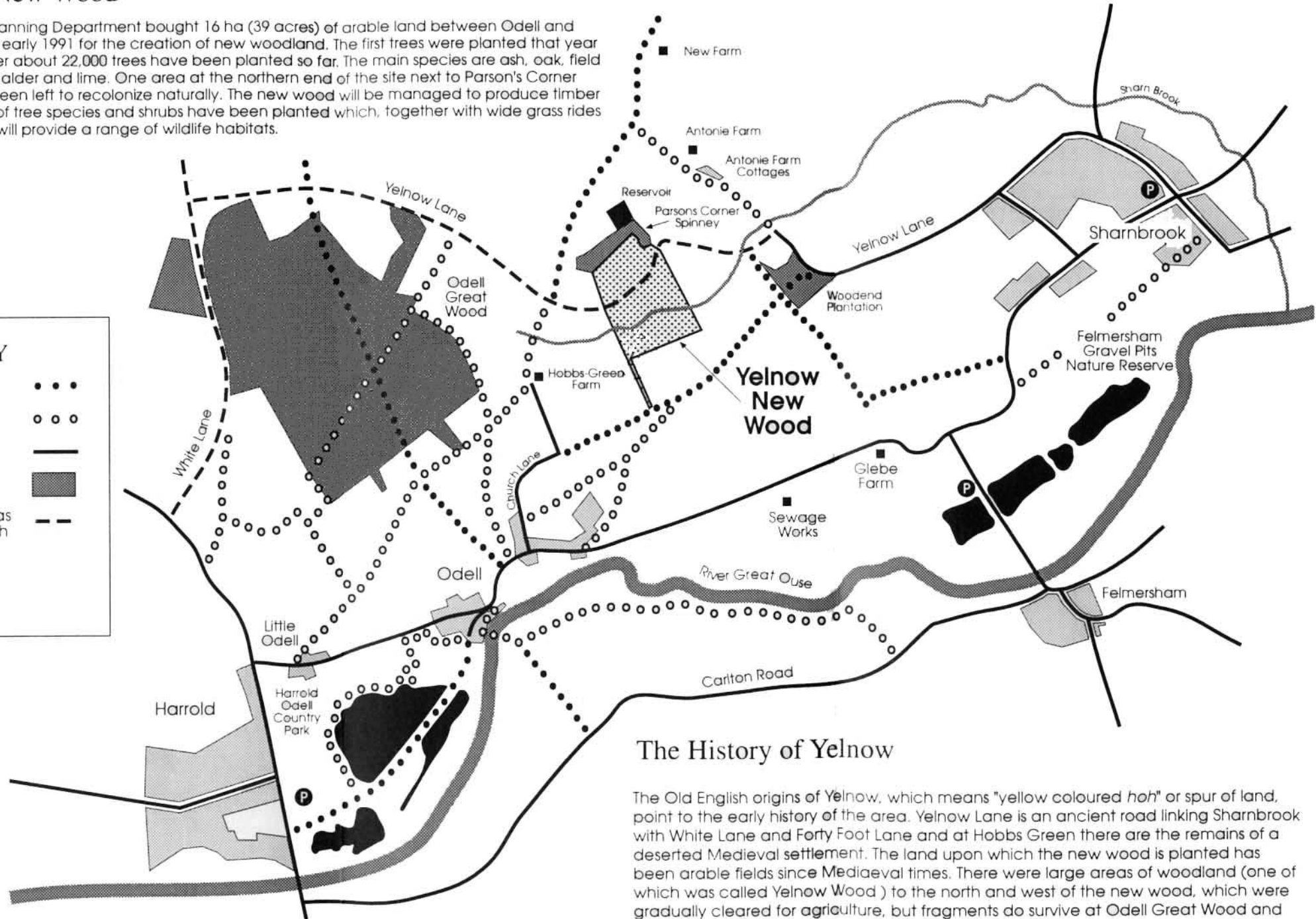
Yelow New Wood

The County Planning Department bought 16 ha (39 acres) of arable land between Odell and Sharnbrook in early 1991 for the creation of new woodland. The first trees were planted that year and altogether about 22,000 trees have been planted so far. The main species are ash, oak, field maple, hazel, alder and lime. One area at the northern end of the site next to Parson's Corner Spinney has been left to recolonize naturally. The new wood will be managed to produce timber but a variety of tree species and shrubs have been planted which, together with wide grass rides and hedges, will provide a range of wildlife habitats.

KEY

- Bridleway
- Footpath
- Road ————
- Woodland ■■■■
- Road used as a Public Path - - - -

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The History of Yelow

The Old English origins of Yelow, which means "yellow coloured *hoh*" or spur of land, point to the early history of the area. Yelow Lane is an ancient road linking Sharnbrook with White Lane and Forty Foot Lane and at Hobbs Green there are the remains of a deserted Medieval settlement. The land upon which the new wood is planted has been arable fields since Mediaeval times. There were large areas of woodland (one of which was called Yelow Wood) to the north and west of the new wood, which were gradually cleared for agriculture, but fragments do survive at Odell Great Wood and Parson's Corner Spinney.