

Welcome to Shocott Spring



Shocott Spring is 52 hectares (128 acres) of former arable farmland between the communities of Shortstown and Cotton End. It was purchased in 2005 by the Marston Vale Trust for creating new community woodland. Over the next 5-10 years it will be planted with trees and shrubs, to create a large new woodland for people and wildlife to enjoy.

As the first phase of creating Shocott Spring, around 25 hectares were planted during the winter of 2005/6, with the help of local people and schoolchildren. Over 40,000 trees and shrubs have been planted here so far, such as oak, ash, field maple and hazel – most grown from seed collected from ancient woodlands in the area. A few areas have been planted with different mixtures of oak, pine, larch, ash and wild cherry. These will demonstrate how community woodlands can produce timber, as well as improving the landscape, providing valuable new wildlife habitats and being great spaces for people to enjoy.

The name Shocott Spring comes from two sources; 'Shocott' was derived from combinations of Shortstown and Cotton End suggested by local people when we asked for their views, whilst 'Spring' is an old term used locally for an area of new woodland.

The land is owned by the Marston Vale Trust, the independent charity delivering the Forest of Marston Vale. Our challenge is to use trees and woodlands to repair a landscape scarred by decades of clay extraction, brickmaking and landfill. We are working with local communities, government and businesses, to create new woods and other wild places for everyone to enjoy.

For further information
call the Forest Centre on
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Key

- native broadleaved woodland
- oak, ash & wild cherry
- oak, pine & larch

surfaced track

mown pedestrian route

future surfaced track

hedgerow

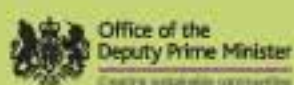
picnic table

bench

100m approx.



New woodland for everyone to enjoy,
created with the help of...



We hope you enjoy your visit