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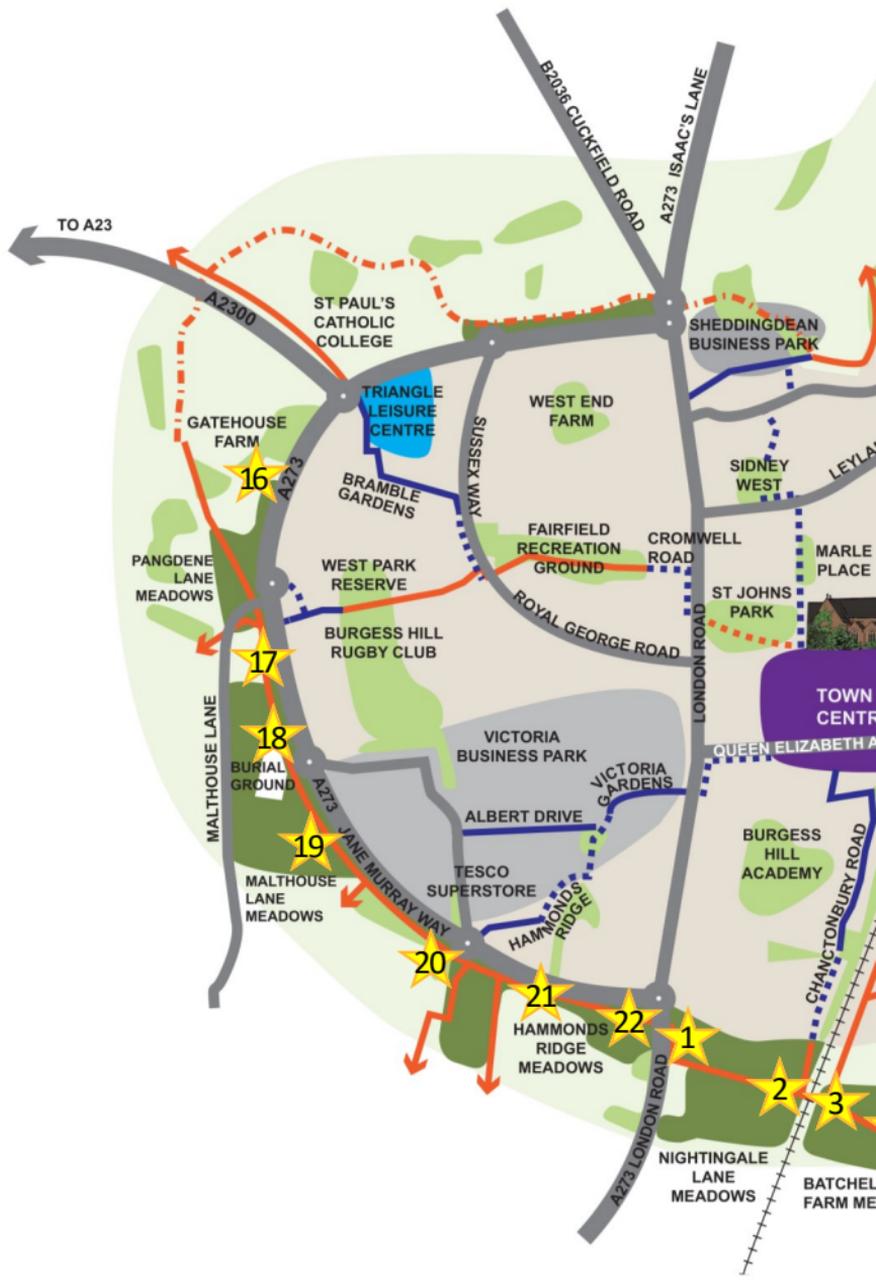


Burgess Hill

Green  
Circle



Children's  
Spotter  
Guide



There is so much to see in the Burgess Hill Green Circle Network. In addition to the wildlife and wildflowers we have hidden a few friends for you to spot on information boards around the footpaths. See who you can find and tick them off in your book!



**KEY**

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-  PROPOSED OFF ROAD ROAD
-  CONNECT TO COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

 **INFORMATION BOARD LOCATIONS**

As you explore, look out for the Information Board at each location. Can you spot the character on each one?



## Nightingale Lane Meadows, London Road

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Belinda  
the  
Brimstone  
Butterfly

The Brimstone Butterfly has a beautiful shape wing perfectly matching a leaf when it is in foliage.

## 2 Nightingale Lane Meadows

Grey Herons have a wing span of almost 6ft. Most Heronries are in trees and at least 25m from the ground.



Henry  
Heron



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## Batchelors Farm Meadows

Bee-flies are furry and look like bees which helps them to stay safe as predators don't approach them thinking they will get stung.



Bertie the  
Bee-fly

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## Batchelors Farm Bridge



Harry the  
Hairstreak  
Butterfly

The Brown Hairstreak Butterfly is elusive spending lots of time resting and basking in tall trees / shrubs.

## Batchelors Farm Water Tower

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Magpies look much bigger than they actually are. Their tail is almost half their own length - their body is actually very small.



Melanie  
Magpie



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## Batchelors Farm near Greenlands Drive



Female Orange Tips are almost entirely white and in their efforts to find a female, male Orange

Tips investigate anything white like petals or paper!



Owen the Orange  
Tip Butterfly

## Badgers Walk / One O'clock Crossing

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Male chaffinches will sing 5 or 6 times a minute and can sing up to 3000 times a day. Chaffinch nests are usually found in the fork of a tree.



Charlie  
Chaffinch

## Kings Way, near the former Keymer Tile Works

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Some experts say that Blue Tits get brighter as they get older - they get brighter with each moult!



Buster  
the Blue Tit



## 9 Kings Way Footpaths

Treecreepers are small, very active birds. Their brown speckled appearance can help them to camouflage but they have a quiet very high pitched call which can help you to spot them!



Terry the Treecreeper

## 10 Kings Way Footpaths (near Johnson Drive)

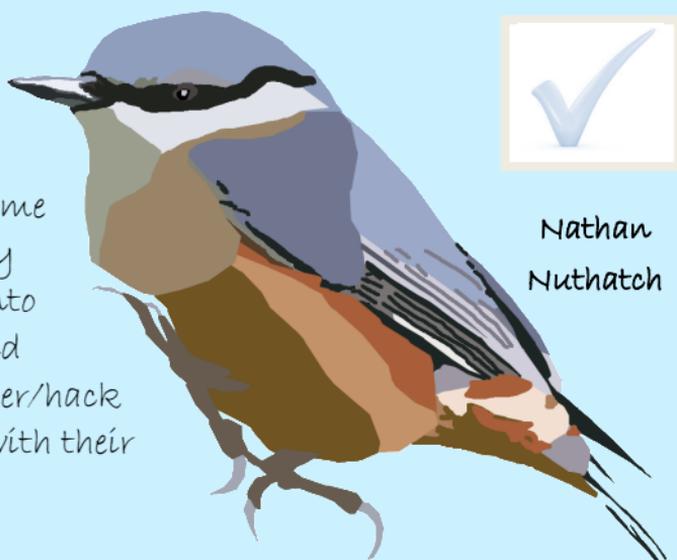
The common frog is most active at night and hibernates in the winter. Frogs can breathe through their skin as well as their lungs.



Frankie  
Frog

## 11 Manor Road

Nuthatches get their name because they jam nuts into a crevice and then hammer/hack at the nut with their beak.



Nathan  
Nuthatch

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## Janes Lane



The Great Crested Newt is Britain's largest and rarest newt. Newts have the ability to regenerate limbs, eyes, hearts and more body parts!



Gareth the Great Crested Newt

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## Valebridge Road



Daphne  
Dormouse

The Dormouse has bright brown eyes and can weigh as little as two £1 pound coins! They are nocturnal and sleep a lot! A favourite source of food is hazelnuts and a hazel tree is a favourite habitat.

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## Lucy's Bridge

Bingo  
the Bat



Bats are the only mammals that can fly. They are not blind but they do use their ears more than their eyes when hunting at night. They make shouting noises as they hunt and the resulting echoes tell them about what is ahead.

## Bedelands Nature Reserve

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Green Woodpeckers spend most of their time feeding on the ground - they love short grass. Their favourite food is ants!



Gary  
the Green  
Woodpecker



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## Gatehouse Farm



Betsy  
Badger

Badgers are nocturnal and very active at night - digging, playing and looking for food. Not many people know Badgers are also very good climbers and swimmers!



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## Eastlands Farm

Sally  
the Speckled  
Wood butterfly

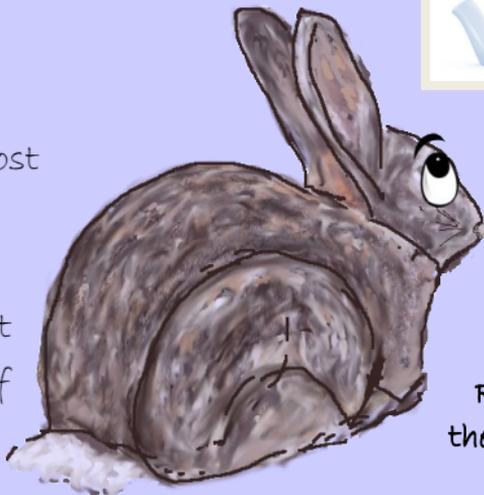
Speckled Wood Butterflies are common across the country's woodlands, in the north of England their spots are a light cream colour and in the south they are yellow.



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## Burial Ground

Did you know Rabbits see the world with a panoramic almost 360° sense of sight with one small blind spot right in front of their nose.



Rachel  
the Rabbit



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## Malthouse Lane Meadows

Kestrels have brilliant eyesight and can keep hunting until nearly dark. They hunt from a perch or while hovering in flight.



Kevin  
Kestrel



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## Hammonds Ridge



Daniel  
Dragonfly



Dragonflies have hidden sharp teeth and catch insects with their feet!

Dragonflies have existed for over 300 million years! The ancient dragonflies had wings measuring 2 ft!

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## Hammonds Ridge Meadows



It is rare to hear a Grey Wagtail's call but it can be recognised by its distinct high pitch and that it sounds like 'chic'.

Grey Wagtails eat insects, they love to eat ants!



Gabriel the  
Grey  
Wagtail

## London Road / Jane Murray Way

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Starlings look black from a distance but up close you can see they are glossy with a sheen of green and purple feathers. They are very noisy!



Simon  
Starling

Well done!  
You've finished!

What else can you spot when you're out on a walk?  
Have fun! There is so much to see!





The Burgess Hill Green Circle is a ring of green sites around the edge of the town. The Green Circle Network incorporates cycle tracks, footpaths and bridleways linking the green sites to each other and the town centre. The sites provide green corridors for wildlife.

This spotter book offers some extra fun for children (or the young at heart) while exploring the beautiful countryside surrounding Burgess Hill.

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