



**Location:** Off the A442 Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Stirchley, Telford TF3 2NA

**Parking:** Hollinswood Pavilion, Hollinswood, Telford TF3 2DN

# WELCOME TO **Randlay Valley**

from **Bricks to Butterflies!**



The Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley was formed in 2010 with a view to redressing the neglect the Valley had experienced over several decades prior.

With the help of Telford and Wrekin Council, Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, Telford Green Spaces Partnership, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Access to Nature we have:

- ✓ Opened up two previously inaccessible footpaths, some resurfaced, added new steps and repaired old ones
- ✓ Had the grass and verges cut and some hedgerows cropped
- ✓ Installed picnic tables, interpretation boards, litter bins, benches and bird boxes
- ✓ Held community events, bug hunts, craft days, walks for health and theme days
- ✓ Identified other work and projects

However, there is still much to do! This is YOUR Valley, please come and explore it and tell us what improvements you would like to see. We hold our volunteer days on the last Tuesday of every month.

**Join us at The Pavilion, Draycott TF3 2DN at 10am.**

If you have any spare time, why not join the Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley, and help us improve this beautiful Valley in the heart of your community.

Details can be found by calling Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council on 01952 567961 or emailing [info@newfriendsofhollinswoodandrandle.co.uk](mailto:info@newfriendsofhollinswoodandrandle.co.uk).

Alternatively, why not visit our Facebook page? You'll find us at **The New Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley.**



## Randlay Valley receives RSPB endorsement!

RSPB botanist Kat Edwards-White identified **over 140 different plant, fungi and animal species in Randlay Valley Local Nature Reserve** while surveying a number of Telford and Wrekin's green spaces, commenting: "This is great woodland".

Species recorded included more than 100 different flowering plants, several indicating high quality woodland, including moschatel, wood speedwell, yellow archangel and more.

More than 20 bird species, including goldcrest, tree creeper, redwing and willow warbler, and three different bee species were also recorded.

"This is probably the best woodland site I've surveyed so far" she commented.

Cllr Carolyn Healy, Telford & Wrekin cabinet member for climate action, green spaces, heritage and leisure, agreed:

"This is great news. We've known Randlay Valley is a haven for wildlife for a long time, but it's nice to have it verified by the RSPB.

"I would encourage all local residents to visit this wonderful green space, especially since we've recently made the site even easier for people to access through our **Pride in Our Open Spaces** investment programme."



Randlay Valley sits between Hollinswood and Randlay to the northeast of Telford Town Park.

Here, footpaths guide walkers through large grassland glades that sit within a network of ancient, semi-natural and plantation woodland. In the Summer, the wide grassland glades come alive with wildflowers and insects.

With over 100 acres of woodland, wet woodland and meadow, Randlay Valley is an oasis of calm and a popular escape.

The woodlands have been established since at least 1600, which means they are some of the most precious in the Borough.

Over 80 plant species have been recorded across the site including locally rare sedges and grass vetchling, a species rare across Shropshire.

Bluebells and other woodland flowers carpet the woods in spring and the mature trees support a wide range of bird life.

There are trails to suit all, from full tarmac paths to stone pavement and even muddy tracks that form the bridleway.



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## An oasis of calm on your doorstep

Randlay Valley is part of a green network linking central Telford to Nedge Hill and the wider countryside.

The Valley contains a variety of habitats ranging from semi-natural woodland, grassland, fen and a brook.

In 1908, Great Western Railway built 'Old Park' mineral line from Hollinswood to Randlay Valley to serve local industries.

Between 1898 and 1969, the Randlay brickworks fired 300,000 red bricks per week.

Today, when you walk through Randlay Valley, you may enjoy the huge variety of wildlife found in the different habitats.

Through the year you may see:

**In Spring —**  
Dingy Skipper butterflies and Bluebells

**In Summer —**  
Bird's Foot Trefoil and Common Spotted Orchids

**Trees —**  
Oak, Ash and Willow

### Bench to Bench Green Spaces are Go!

The Parish Council, with support from FoHRV & TWC, has placed a number of benches in the Valley - these are on the Green and Red Routes.

Please use this QR code for more information.



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