

# Roughtalley's Wood Local Nature Reserve

**Reserve Area:** 3.4 Hectares

**Access:** There are kissing gates off Pike Way and Epping Road, North Weald . There is a hardened pathway which takes you on a circular route around the reserve.

**Parking:** There is roadside parking on Pike way. Please be respectful to the residents.

**What3words:** swim.value.soccer **Grid Ref:** TL48980359

**LNR declaration:** 2000

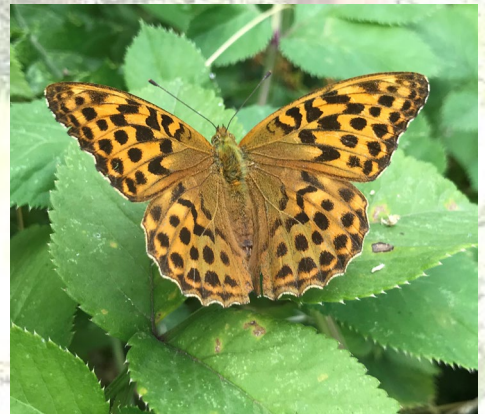
**Wildlife Site Designation:** Ep114 1992



**Common Spotted Orchid**



**Broad-leaved Helleborine**



**Silver-washed Fritillary**

**Site Description:** Roughtalley's Wood is a small section of a once much larger ancient woodland. Hidden amongst the trees are hints to its history as part of RAF North Weald, including a pond created by a bomb. Additional interest to look out for are the wooden artworks by Will Glanfield installed in 2001.

**Site Management:** Roughtalley's Wood is managed for both woodland and wildflowers. Glades have been created through clearance work and are kept open through annual cuts. Glades are important for several species of invertebrates which are dependent on both woodland and grassland habitat at different stages in their life cycles. Annual clearance of bramble and scrub takes place in Roughtalley's Wood as well as coppicing and pollarding of hazel and hornbeam trees.

**Seasonal:** . As well as its interesting past Roughtalley's Wood is home to some rare plants and butterflies such as Common Spotted Orchid, Broad-leaved Helleborine and Silver-washed Fritillary best seen May – September.