

Kingswood Nature Reserve

What is special?

Kingswood used to be arable land but 39 hectares of broadleaved woodland were planted as part of the 5 Villages 'Waste to Wildlife' project in 2003. The site was planted with broadleaf trees: hazel, rowan, blackthorn, dog rose, ash, oak and birch. These trees are important as there is very little woodland cover in the east of County Durham. They will provide a vital source of food, shelter and breeding sites for insects, birds and mammals. Now that the trees are becoming established, roe deer are seen regularly.

Over the years, people will witness the natural process of new saplings growing into mature woodland. When the area was first planted, there were hundreds of pairs of skylarks as they prefer grassland and thin tree cover. As the trees grow, the number of skylarks is decreasing, while the numbers of meadow pipits, tawny owls, kestrels and sparrow hawks is increasing. When the trees get taller finch, song thrush and blackbird will move in. It will take more than 20 years for the trees to mature. At this stage you will be able to see jay, woodpecker, crow and wood pigeon.

Species rich grassland can be found on the 'rides', long open areas which run through the woodland. Kingswood is close to Crowtrees, Littlewood and Coxhoe Quarry Wood Local Nature Reserves forming a huge wildlife corridor.

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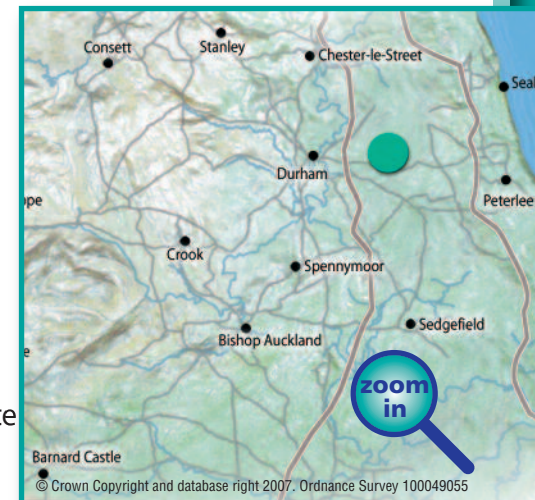
Area: 96 acres (39 hectares)

Grid Reference: NZ 333 369

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 305

Directions:

7 miles south east of Durham City centre. From Durham follow A177 to Coxhoe, at traffic lights follow the B6291 for approximately 1.5 miles. The site is located on the right just before Quarrington Hill. Alternatively it can be accessed via a gap opposite David Terrace in Quarrington Hill



Nearest postcode for GPS purposes DH6 4QP

Parking:

Quarrington Hill village

Public Transport:

Service number 55 (Arriva) to Quarrington Hill. Bus stop 150 metres from the entrance

Dogs:

Allowed under control. Please clean up after your dog

Designation:

Countryside site, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified

Suitable for:

Walkers and families. Cyclists and horses allowed on the purple path shown on the map

Habitats:

Grassland, woodland plantation

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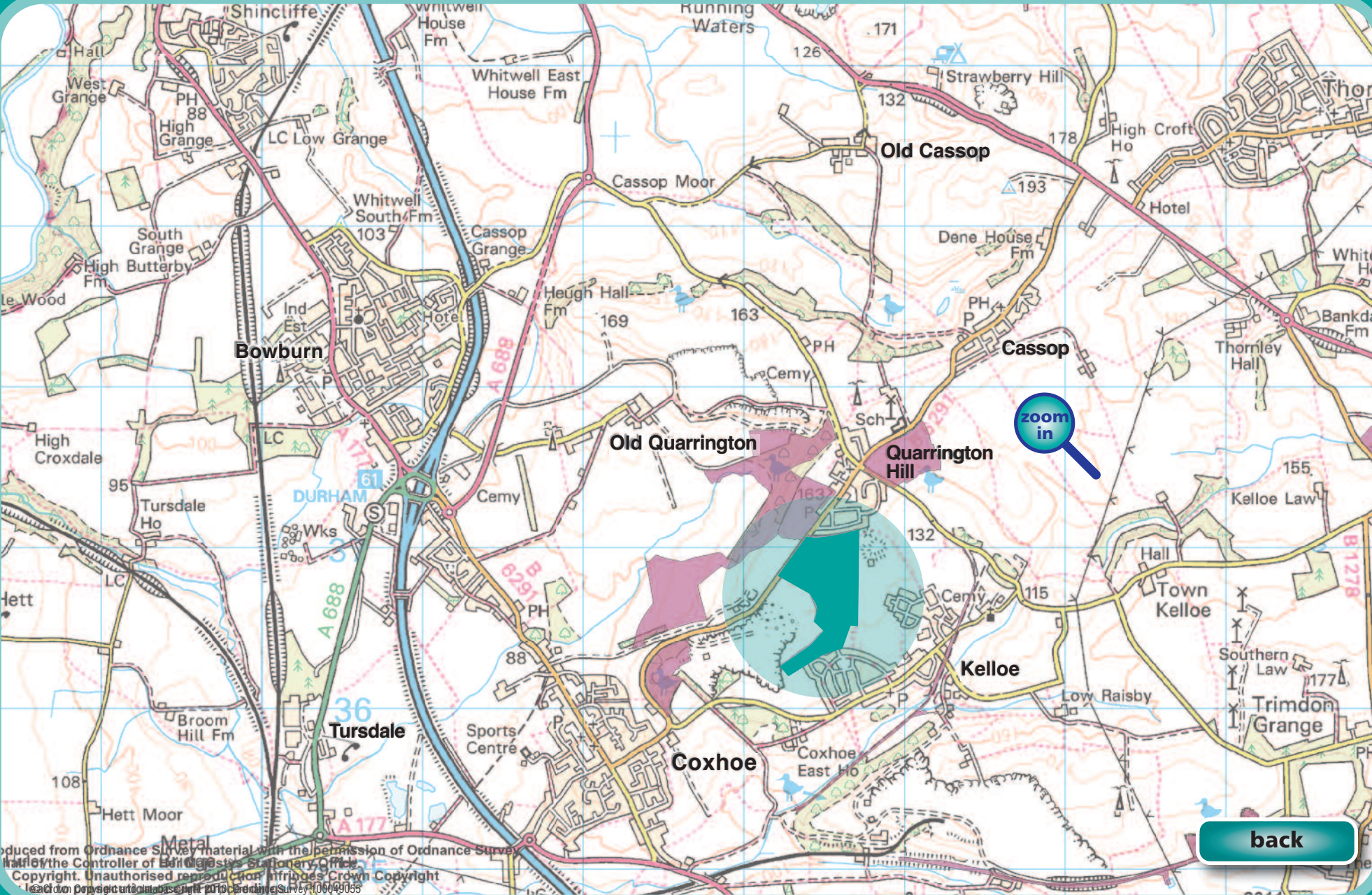
The 0.5 mile linear footpath consists of a hard unsealed surface with some large stones. It is fairly level but the steeper slopes are marked on the map. The path width is an average of 2.5 metres. There is one seat.

There are a number of other paths which cross the wooded area. These paths are all bare earth, undulating an average of 1 metre wide. They may become muddy during wet weather.



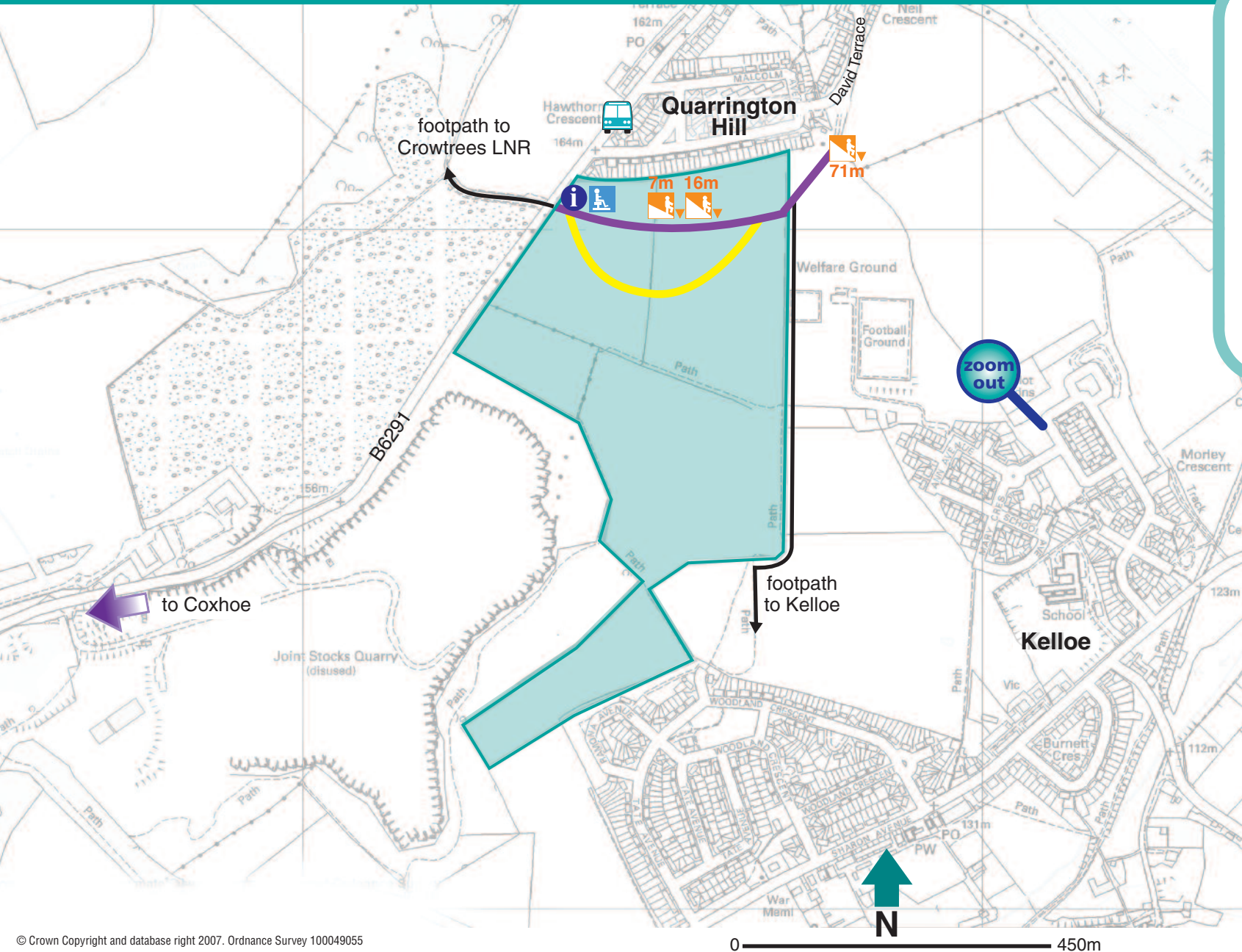
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-  Medium Slope Down 1:20-1:10
-  Steep Slope Down 1:10-1:1
-  Bus Stop
-  Hard Unsealed Surface
-  Bare Earth

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