

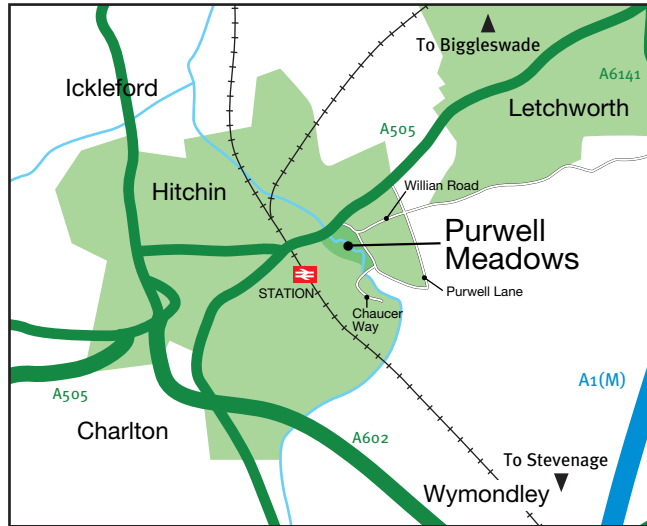
Grazing and management

The river is one of a small few that have not been overly managed in modern times by deepening, straightening or de-silting. Purwell Meadows has been grazed by livestock for many years. Grazing has kept and continues to keep the meadows open, the growth of trees and shrubs in check and allows wildflowers and other wetland wildlife to thrive.



Periodically scrub is cleared from the meadows to control its spread. The river will continue to be left to flow a natural course, with only minor bank repairs carried out as required.

How to get there



By Road: Purwell Meadows is located to the east of the town centre of Hitchin. The meadows can be accessed from the main A505 Cambridge Road and from Purwell Lane, William Road and Chaucer Way.

By Public Transport: The site is a mile (15 minutes walk) from Hitchin Railway Station. There are bus stops at the entrance on Purwell Lane, William Road and Cambridge Road. For travel details contact Intalink Traveline on **0300 123 4050** or www.intalink.org.uk

Purwell Meadows Local Nature Reserve is owned and managed by North Herts Council. The Council seeks to balance the need for sustainable development with the protection of the environment. Contact us at:

www.north-herts.gov.uk

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The Countryside Management Service (CMS) works with communities in Hertfordshire to help them care for and enjoy the environment.

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www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/cms Tel: **01992 588433**

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Chalk riverside meadows, a haven for wildlife in the heart of Hitchin



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