

Nuptown Character area

Nuptown is a small scattered hamlet on the northern boundary of Warfield parish. It is defined as the area bordered by Bishops, Hawthorn, Nuptown and Cocks Lanes, which contains a mixture of ancient woodland, meadowland and arable fields.

The area is designated Green Belt and mostly lies within the jurisdiction of Warfield Parish Council and Bracknell Forest Borough Council. Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council administer the eastern part of the area.

Nuptown is characterised by open fields, leafy lanes and woodland dominated by deciduous trees of which the Oak, Ash, Hazel, Prunus, wild service trees (nationally rare) wild pear and crabapple, abound. The woodland area contains many wild flowers, and the bluebell wood straddling Ashmore Lane is a significant feature. The land is heavy of clay and surface drainage is maintained by a network of drainage ditches that take the water into Chawbridge Bourne and via The Cut, eventually into the Thames at Bray. The land is mildly undulating rising 50 feet to the north at Cruch Lane. The rural features are conducive to walking and riding, and there are a network of footpaths and bridleways that are well used by visitors to the area.

The characteristics of Nuptown, its designation as Green Belt and its location at the northern perimeter of Bracknell Forest Borough Council make it the ideal area to provide the "Countryside Experience" to the benefit of all and particularly those living in the nearby urban areas.

- i. The varied wildlife. A wide spectrum of bird life exists in Nuptown from Barn Owls to Herons, Birds of Prey and Nightingales. Squirrels, Rabbits, Hare, Harvest Mice and many Butterfly are also an important feature.
- ii. The presence of natural habitat. Leafy lanes, woodland indigenous to the area, hedgerows, open fields and many types of wild flowers including uncommon species like violets and cowslips.
- iii. An absence of pollution. This infers minimal motorised vehicular traffic, an absence of noise, maintenance of natural amenities with few man made obstructions e.g. Water towers. No discharge of artificial liquids and chemicals into the local drainage, and minimal artificial lighting.
- iv. Access of natural habitat to walkers and riders by the presence of footpaths and bridleways.

Houses in Nuptown are predominantly detached two story buildings in sizable grounds.