

# Get wild about Devon at Brightlycott Barton

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Brightlycott Barton is a former dairy farm, extending to 89 acres in total. The campsite covers 4 acres and beef is farmed organically on the other 85 acres.

The camping area itself is surrounded by a mix of old hedgerows along with newly planted hedges which in time will form a barrier for the campers as well as creating further habitat for wildlife. The old hedgerows are a mix of hawthorn, blackthorn ash and oak and are ideal habitat for small mammals, birds and invertebrates along with the pond which is beneficial in its present state as a habitat for many invertebrates. In the summer months look out for dragonflies and damselflies flying around the area.

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is a wildlife appreciation scheme for tourism businesses in Devon who are serious about proactively improving wildlife as part of their business. The scheme is supported by Devon County Council on behalf of Visit Devon.

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Whitethroat, yellowhammer and dunnock can be heard singing in the hedgerows and skylark in the pasture.

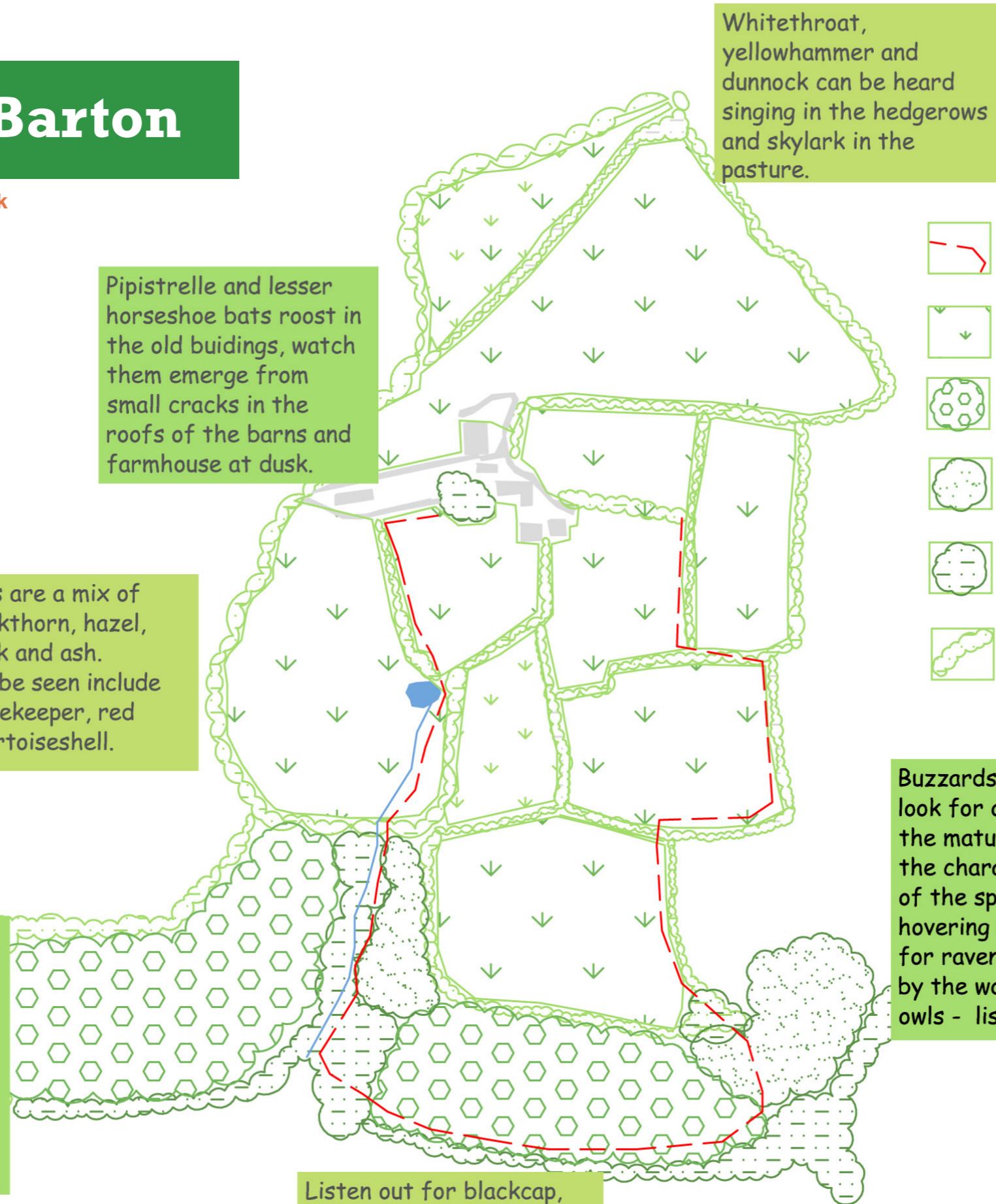
Pipistrelle and lesser horseshoe bats roost in the old buildings, watch them emerge from small cracks in the roofs of the barns and farmhouse at dusk.

The hedgerows are a mix of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, field maple, oak and ash. Butterflies to be seen include orange tip, gatekeeper, red admiral and tortoiseshell.

Birds foot trefoil, field speedwell, yellow pimpernel and ground ivy are some of the flowers to be found along the grassland rides in the coniferous plantation. Look out for small copper, common blue, gatekeeper and speckled wood butterflies.

Listen out for blackcap, willow warbler and chiffchaff along with great spotted woodpecker, mistle thrush and song thrush in the woodland.

Buzzards soar on the thermals or look for one perched in the trees in the mature woodland. Look out for the characteristic 'flap, flap, glide' of the sparrowhawk or a kestrel hovering over the grassland. Listen for ravens calling and in the evening by the woodland you may here tawny owls - listen for 'kewick, twoowh'.



-  Farm trail
-  Grassland/arable
-  Coniferous plantation
-  Broadleaved plantation
-  Mature broadleaved woodland
-  Hedgerows

# Species List

## at Brightlycott Barton

### Trees & Shrubs

Ash  
Beech  
Black Alder  
Blackthorn  
Buddleia  
Elder  
Field Maple  
Hawthorn  
Hazel  
Holly  
Oak  
Rowan  
Scots pine  
Silver Birch  
Sweet chestnut  
Wild cherry  
Willow

### Ferns

Hard fern  
Harts tongue fern  
Lady fern  
Male fern  
Scaly male fern

### Plants

Annual meadow grass  
Bluebell  
Bramble  
Burdock  
Black knapweed  
Black medick  
Bird-foot trefoil  
Celandines  
Cleavers  
Cuckoo flower  
Cocksfoot  
Ground Ivy  
Giant hogweed  
Common dog violet  
Cow parsley  
Creeping buttercup  
Creeping Thistle  
Enchanters  
    nightshade  
Fleabane  
Greater plantain  
Germander speedwell  
Hairy willow herb  
Herb robert  
Honeysuckle

Herb bennet  
Ivy  
Lord and ladies  
Ox-eye daisy  
Nettles  
Purple loosestrife  
Purple moor grass  
Primrose  
Ragged robin  
Ribwort plantain  
Red campion  
Sheeps sorrel  
Snowdrop  
Timothy  
Water mint  
Yellow pimpernel  
Yorkshire fog

### Mammals

Badger  
Bank vole  
Common shrew  
Field mouse  
Fox  
Hedgehog  
Mole

Pipistrelle bat  
Lesser horseshoe bat  
Rabbit  
Roe deer  
Wood mouse

### Birds

Blackbird  
Blackcap  
Blue tit  
Buzzard  
Carrion crow  
Chaffinch  
Chiffchaff  
Coal tit  
Duncock  
Fieldfare  
Goldcrest  
Goldfinch  
Great tit  
Great spotted  
    woodpecker  
Greenfinch  
House martin  
House sparrow  
Jackdaw

Jay  
Kestrel  
Long tail tit  
Mallard  
Mistle thrush  
Nuthatch  
Pied wagtail  
Raven  
Redwing  
Robin  
Rook  
Skylark  
Song thrush  
Sparrowhawk  
Stock dove  
Swallow  
Swift  
Trecreeper  
Tawny owl  
Whitethroat  
Willow warbler  
Wren  
Yellow hammer

*NB This is not a comprehensive list*

## Wildlife places of interest nearby

### Exmoor National Park

Exmoor National Park was created in 1954: To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Park by the public.

Stunning landscapes, wilderness and tranquility, rare in southern England, and a warm rural welcome await you on Exmoor, one of Britain's hidden treasures. These, and a glimpse of wild red deer or the native Exmoor Pony, are just some of the delights that make Exmoor special.

Visit [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk)

### Watersmeet – OS Map: SS744 486 – National Trust

Where the lush valleys of Hoar Oak Water and the East Lyn river tumble together sits Watersmeet House, a 19th-century fishing lodge, now a National Trust shop, tea room and information point. The area is a haven for butterflies, otters, birds and salmon as well as there being Iron Age hill forts to explore at Countisbury and Myrtleberry. **For more information telephone 01589 753348.**

### The Lyn Valley – OS Map: SS 744 486 – National Trust

A great spot for woodland walks taking in waterfalls and boulder-filled streams. Easy access riverside strolls from Lynmouth, the Combe Park car park and Rockford/Brendon.

### Coombe Martin Information Centre, Cross street, Coombe Martin

Offers the services of both Tourist Information Centre and a National Park Visitor Centre.

### County Gate Information Centre at County Gate on the A39 at Countisbury

Found on the Devon-Somerset border this centre is open 20th March to 31st October. Good information available with a large free carpark and toilets.