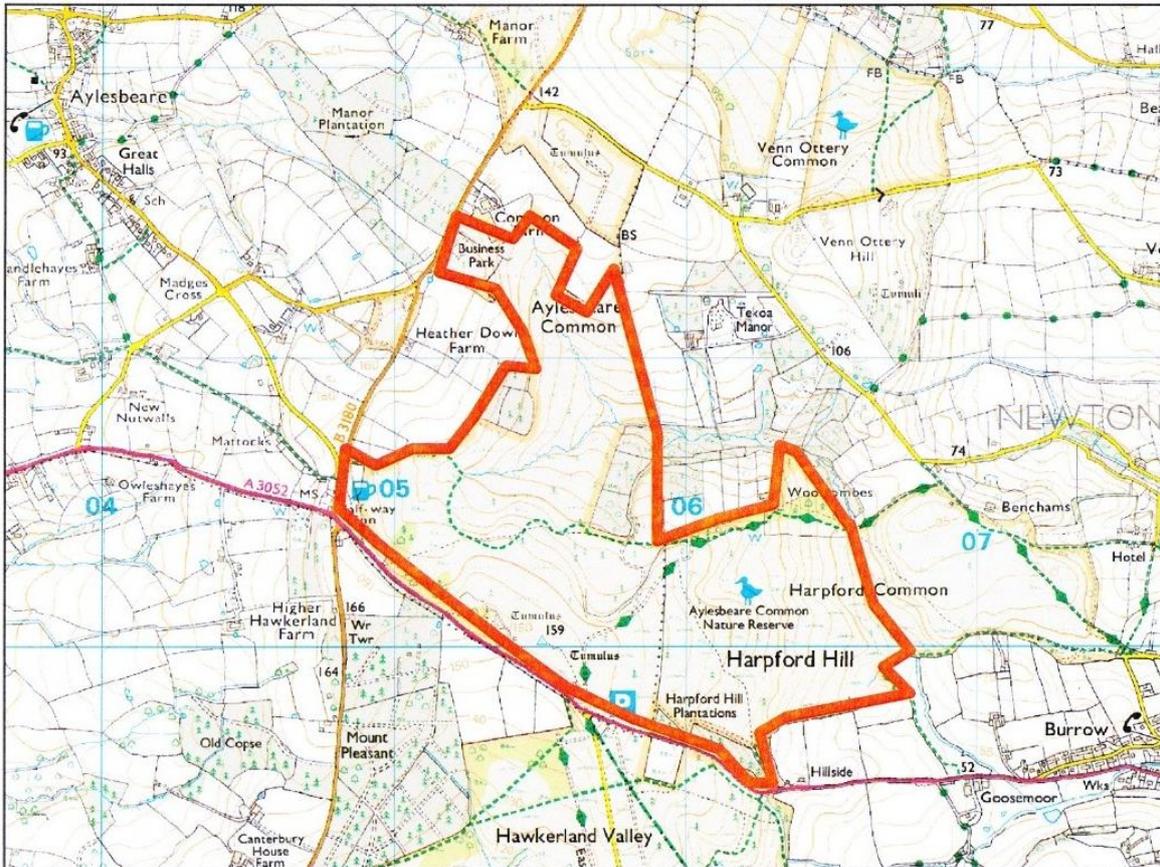


Areas Out of Bounds to hashing on Woodbury Common.

Unfortunately, as a result of a number of instances in the last 18 months where East Devon and Exeter based hashes have strayed into parts of Woodbury Common which are, at the request of the land owners/managers, out-of-bounds to hashing, Otter Valley Hash recently received a complaint and a reminder about where we can and cannot hash on Woodbury Common.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that these out-of-bounds areas are not used by any hash at any time. If they are used, all hashes may lose access to Woodbury Common altogether, which would be a huge loss, as it is such a wonderful asset for hashing. So, as a reminder to everyone, the areas we cannot use are as follows:

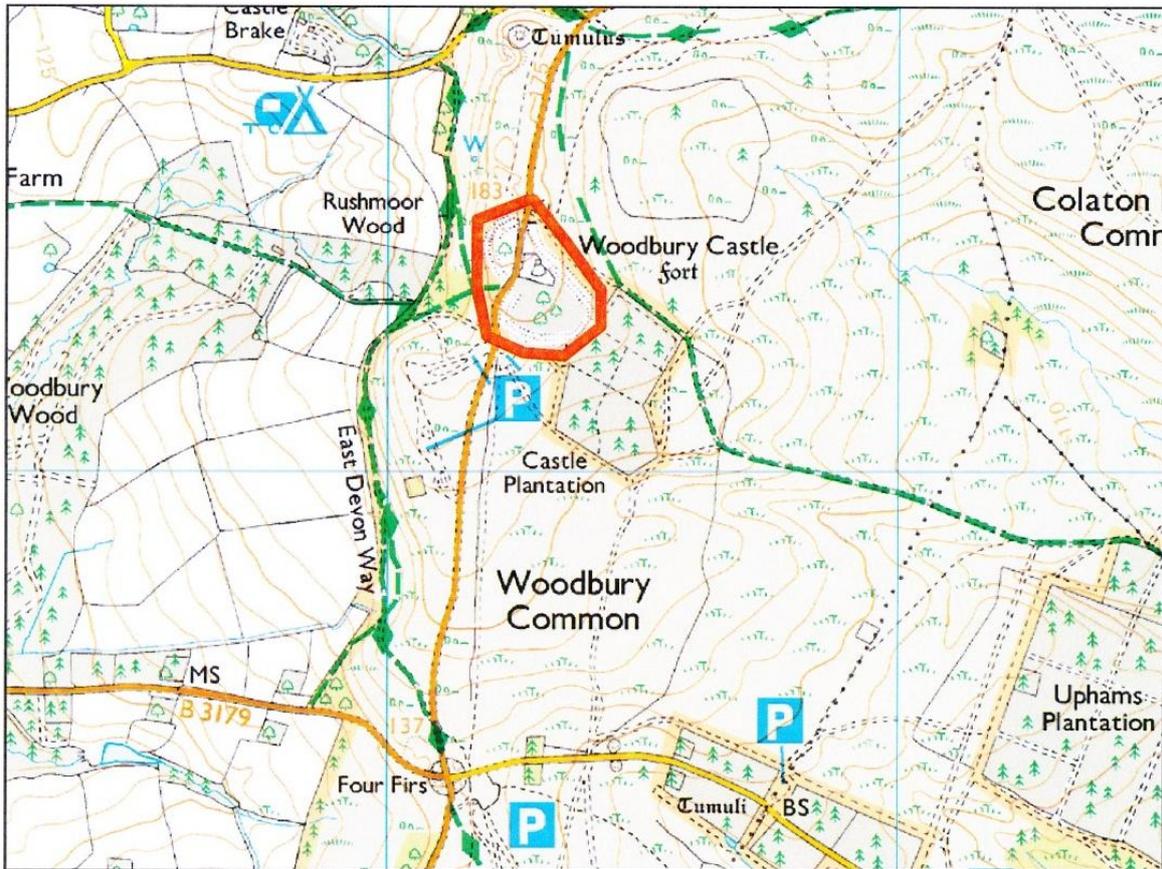
1) Aylesbeare Common Nature Reserve.



Key facts about Aylesbeare Common Nature Reserve:

- The land outlined in red on the above map is **strictly out of bounds**, and comprises of the whole of the Aylesbeare Common Nature Reserve. The reserve is run by the RSPB, who have requested that hashing does not take place within the reserve so as to avoid disturbance to birds.
- This ban also **includes all public rights of way** running through the reserve.
- This ban **applies all year** – regardless of whether a hare thinks birds might not be present.
- Hashes from Joney’s Cross are the most likely to be affected by this out-of-bounds area. However, hares of trails starting at Newton Poppleford, Venn Ottery, Aylesbeare or the Halfway Inn, will also need to be certain their trails avoid the Aylesbeare Common Nature Reserve.

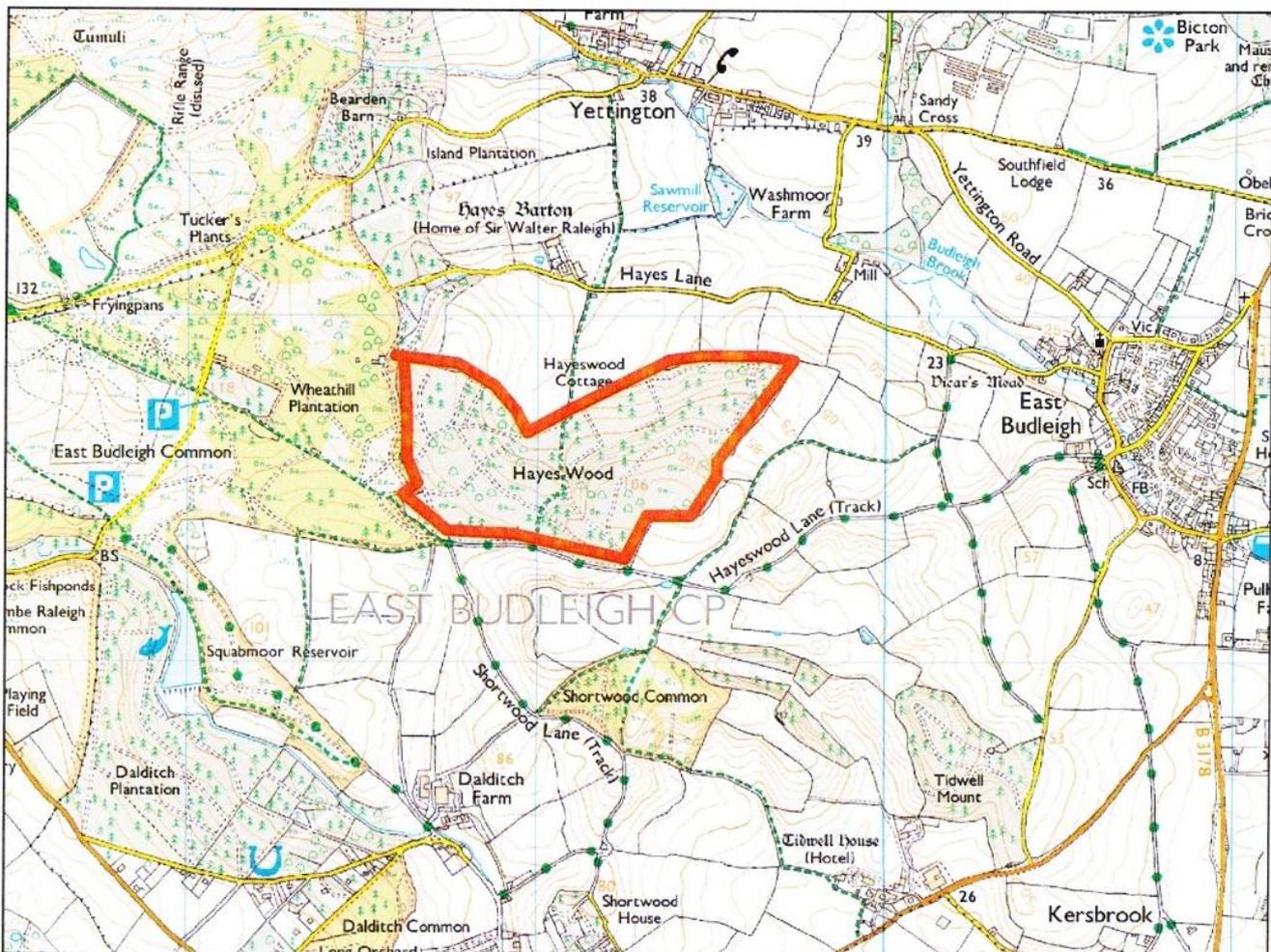
2) Woodbury Castle.



Key facts about Woodbury Castle:

- The land outlined in red on the above map is **strictly out of bounds**, and comprises of the ramparts of Woodbury Castle and all land within them. This is because the site is of considerable archaeological importance.
- This ban also applies to all **paths leading into and through the area** – including the steps recently constructed by Clinton Devon Estates.
- This ban **applies at all times** – regardless of the fact that the public can use the area freely.
- Hashes starting from Woodbury Castle are obviously most likely to be affected by this area. However, the hares of hashes from any car park on the northern part of Woodbury Common, or even from the village of Woodbury, should be mindful of this area when planning their trail.

3) Hayes Wood.



Key facts about Hayes Wood:

- The land outlined in red on the above map is **strictly out of bounds**, and comprises of the whole of Hayes Wood. This is because the wood is used for Pheasant breeding and shooting.
- This ban also **applies to the public footpath running through the area**. This is because hashers and hash hounds may stray from the path and disturb the Pheasants.
- However, the byway running along the southern edge of the area may still be used – provided no hashers or hounds enter the out-of bounds area to the north.
- This ban **applies at all times**.
- Trails starting from any car park on the southern part of Woodbury Common may be affected by this area. Additionally, the hares of trails from East Budleigh or Dalditch Farm must also consider this area when planning their trails.

The complaint made to OVH3 originated from a complaint made by a member of the public to Clinton Devon Estates about a trail laid on one of the areas above. With this in mind, if you're not sure whether you should be using an area of land, don't chance it – play safe and avoid using it. We are being watched!

It would, after all, be a tragic loss to hashing in the East Devon area if we were to lose access to Woodbury Common and other land owned and managed by Clinton Devon Estates – such as Mutters Moor and Harpford Woods. Clinton Devon Estates are a good land owner who are extremely tolerant of our activities, and we want to keep it that way.

Thank you! Otter Valley Hash House Harriers - March 2012.