

Name of Group: Friends of Badock's Wood

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The Badock's Wood Local Nature Reserve is situated in north Bristol, between Southmead, Henleaze and Westbury-on-Trym; it was formally designated as a LNR in January 2008. The area covers approximately 12 hectares and can be readily accessed from Lakewood Road and Doncaster Road. The Woods were given to the City by Sir Stanley Badock (a local industrialist) in 1937 and consist of a large grassed area and a beautiful wooded valley, with the River Trym in the valley floor. The woodland is at least 400 years old in parts and a Bronze Age burial mound (tumulus) gives added interest to the site. The Friends of Badock's Wood is an enthusiastic local amenity group who provide a focus for local residents with an interest in protecting and enhancing the woods – this includes workdays and community events. In 2005 and 2007, Wild Flower Meadows were sown in order to enhance the appearance of the grassland area, which had previously been a site for 81 prefabs that were demolished in 1979/82. Tarmaced paths throughout the majority of the site provide good access and are wheelchair friendly.