

HOMEOWNERS' INFORMATION PACK

Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby

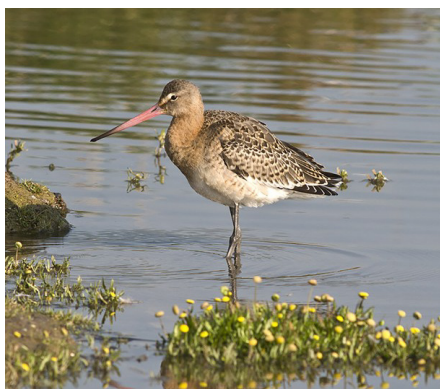
Information and guidance for residents in proximity to the European Designated Sites for Nature Conservation at the Mersey Estuary.



Respect, Protect, Enjoy

The Cherryfield Drive residential development lies within proximity to coastal sites of international importance, known as the Mersey Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Ramsar and the Sefton Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and SSSI.

This Information Pack aims to provide the new residents of Cherryfield Drive development with relevant background information, interesting facts about the designated sites and also guidance on how residents can help to protect the designated sites and their features of special interest. Information on alternative areas of greenspace for recreation is also provided.



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The **Mersey Estuary** is an internationally important site for wildfowl and consists of large areas of intertidal sand and mudflats. The site also includes an area of reclaimed marshland, salt-marshes, brackish marshes and boulder freshwater seepages. The Manchester Ship Canal forms part of the southern boundary of the site and clay cliffs with separates a series of pools from the main estuary. These pools together with Hale Marsh are important roosting sites for wildfowl and waders at high tide. Throughout the winter the estuary supports large numbers of wildfowl and waders including populations of golden plover, redshank, ringed plover, dunlin, pintail, shelduck and teal of European importance. The birds feed on the rich invertebrate fauna of the intertidal sediments as well as plants and seeds from the salt-marsh and adjacent agricultural land including the fields around Pavilion Park. The estuary is also a valuable staging post for migrating birds in spring and autumn.

The **Sefton Coast** is important for the dune habitats and intertidal areas which support internationally important populations of wintering waterfowl and waders. Other important and protected species present include sand lizard, natterjack toad and great crested newt.

How you can help to 'Respect, Protect & Enjoy.'

- ✓ Follow paths unless wider access is available.
- ✓ Keep dogs under control to prevent them causing birds to take flight.
- ✓ Leave no trace of your visit-take your litter home and dispose of cigarettes carefully.
- ✓ Be aware of The Coastal Code and the Countryside Code
- ✓ Consider visiting alternative areas, as detailed in this leaflet, during the sensitive periods for breeding and wintering birds.

Photo Credits right to left: Peter Smith: Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)
Victoria Burrows: Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) Victoria Burrows: Natterjack Toad (*Epidalea calamita*)

Map to Show Location of Cherryfield Drive and the European Designated Sites



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- ✗ Please check local information signs for further details in relation to timing restrictions for dog access to the coastal habitats.
- ✗ Avoid the use of sensitive areas for use by wintering birds between September and March if carrying out activities that may disturb birds.
- ✗ Avoid the use of sensitive areas for use by breeding birds between March and the end of August if carrying out activities that may disturb birds.
- ✗ Don't cause feeding or roosting birds to take flight.
- ✗ Don't carry out activities for extended periods of time and with large numbers of people in sensitive areas.
- ✗ Avoid the use of barbeques to minimise the risk of fire.
- ✗ Do not pick plants or flowers and respect fenced off areas.



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Other Outdoor Spaces to Explore:

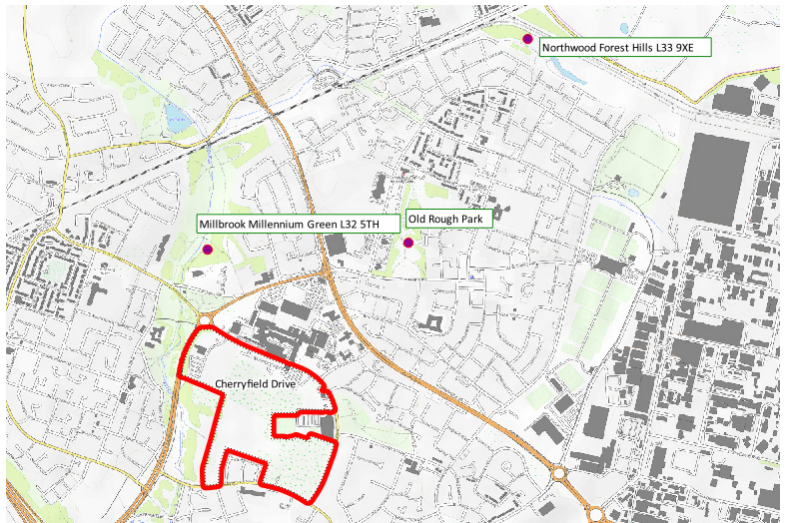
The Cherryfield Drive development is located near to some amazing alternative parks and outdoor greenspaces for you to enjoy.

These include:

Millbrook Millennium Green (L32 5TH), the largest managed and most central park in Kirkby; Old Rough Park with a play area (L33 8WX) which has a playground; and Northwood Forest Hills local wildlife site (L33 9XE) which includes wetland and ponds.



Follow the QR codes for more information, maps and details on accessibility



Map to Show Location of Other Areas for Recreation



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