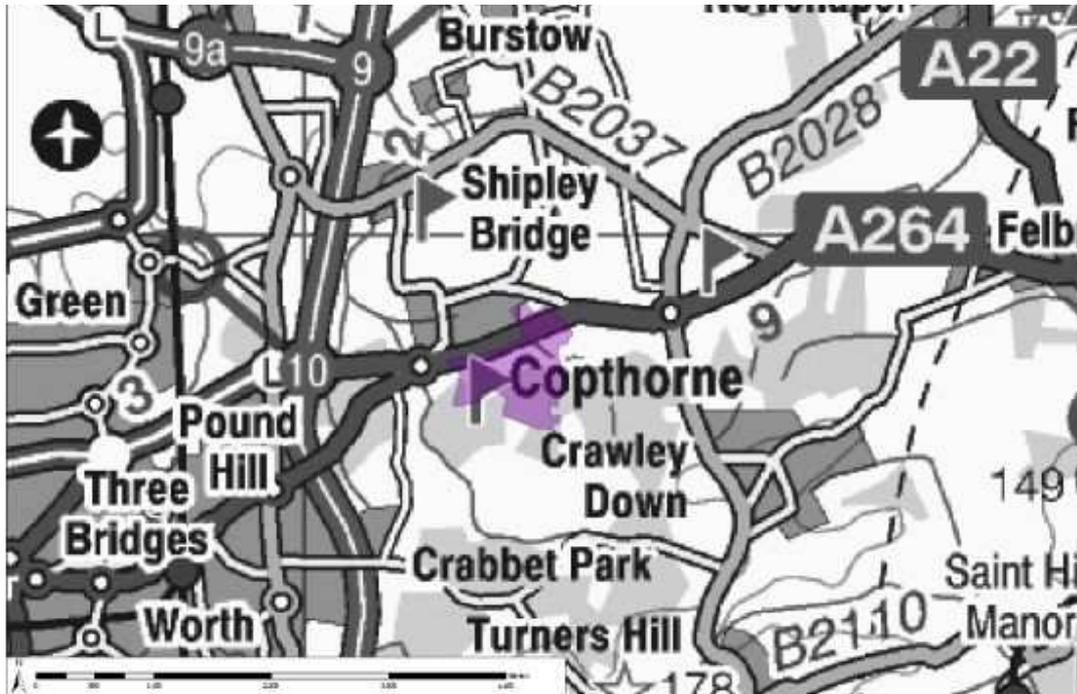


## Copthorne Common Biodiversity Opportunity Area

Joint Character Area High Weald



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Copthorne Common has been recognised as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) as it represents a priority area for the delivery of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) targets. It is one of 75 such areas across Sussex. The BOA covers approximately 70 hectares.

The site is located on the southern edge of Copthorne. It comprises two contiguous areas of common land, the larger of which is managed as a golf course, but still has valuable areas of semi-natural habitat. The main interest of the site is its heathland, but it also has a mosaic of grassland types and areas of woodland.

### BAP Habitat

[Lowland dry acid grassland](#)

[Lowland heathland](#)

[Lowland meadow](#)

[Woodland](#)

BAP Species nine species recorded, with the following in the last ten years:

Species	Habitat Requirements
Hedgehog <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	Woodland, farmland, urban areas, hedgerows

## Invasive Non-native Species

No records

## Designated Sites

Copthorne Common SSSI consists of areas of fragmented heathland often in mosaic with acid grassland. There are additional areas of grassland and woodland with areas of damper ground characterised by species such as Sneezewort.

## Opportunities Identified

- Heathland management, restoration and creation
- Working with businesses