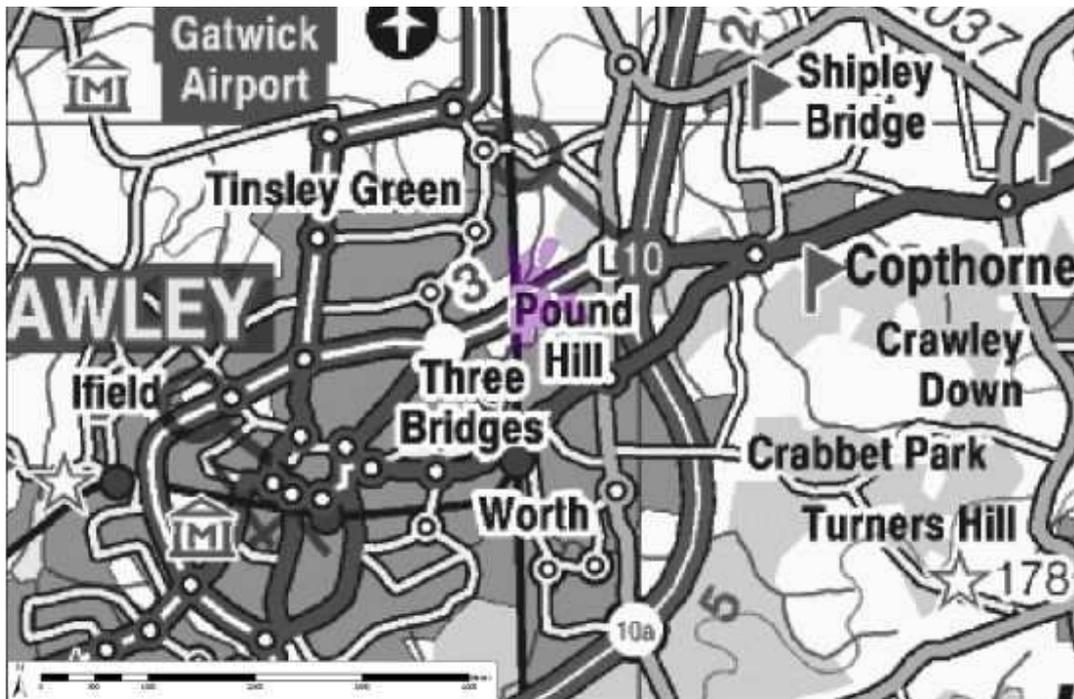


## Grattons Park Biodiversity Opportunity Area

Joint Character Area High Weald



The Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) are the regional priority areas of opportunity for restoration and creation of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats. They are a spatial representation of BAP targets and are areas of opportunity, not constraint. The BOAs are the property of the South East England Biodiversity Forum [www.sebiodiversity.org.uk](http://www.sebiodiversity.org.uk). Contains Ordnance Survey data Crown copyright and database right 2010

Grattons Park has been recognised as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) as it represents a priority area for the delivery of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) targets. This is one of 75 such areas across Sussex. The BOA covers approximately 33 hectares.

Grattons Park is a historic park with remnants of wood-pasture. It is in Crawley, dissected by a major road and to the west bordered by the railway line.

### BAP Habitat

Wood-pasture and Parkland

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

Species	Habitat Requirements
Common Toad <i>Bufo bufo</i>	Scrub, rough grassland, fens, reedbed and wet woodland, dense ground vegetation or litter, ponds, large water bodies
Adder <i>Vipera berus</i>	Open heathland, woodland and moors, fens, cliff

## Invasive Non-native Species

Cherry Laurel *Prunus laurocerasus*  
Rhododendron *Rhododendron ponticum*

## Designated Sites

Grattons Pond SSSI a relatively large area of open water with marshy edges and three wooded islands. The site has a good botanical diversity and supports several rare plants.

## Opportunities Identified

- Grassland management, restoration and creation
- Woodland management and restoration
- Education and community engagement, including links to health
- Volunteer opportunities
- Wood-pasture and parkland restoration