

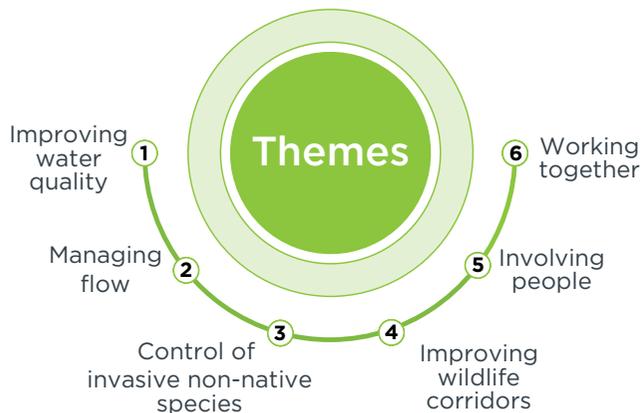


# River Chess Smarter Water Catchment

## About the River Chess Smarter Water Catchments project

The partnerships 10-year catchment plan sets out to create a place where people are working together to protect and improve the water environment for everyone, and this is exactly what we have been doing in the Chess. Thames Water are working in partnership with the Chilterns Conservation Board, River Chess Association, Buckinghamshire Council, Chilterns Society, Environment Agency, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Affinity Water & many other interested community groups to deliver this project.

### The River Chess Strategy has 6 key themes



If you would like to get involved or know more please contact us at [community@chilternsociety.org.uk](mailto:community@chilternsociety.org.uk) or phone the Chiltern Society on 01494 771 250

## Walks in the River Chess catchment

The River Chess rises in springs to the north and west of Chesham, located is a series of dry valleys which converge on the town, separated by ridges - Chartridge, Asheridge and Hawridge.

The walks described in these leaflets connect several country pubs in the villages surrounding the town. A (rather limited) bus service connects these villages with Chesham, which lies at the far end of the Metropolitan railway. Chesham is a 'walkers are welcome' town, with many cafés and restaurants, and also a branch of Millets (should you forget your boots). The area can also be reached from Great Missenden and Wendover (on the Chiltern Railways line to Aylesbury), and by car (A413 and A416).

*Footpaths in the Chilterns are monitored and maintained by volunteers from the Chiltern Society. Should you encounter any problems, please contact us.*

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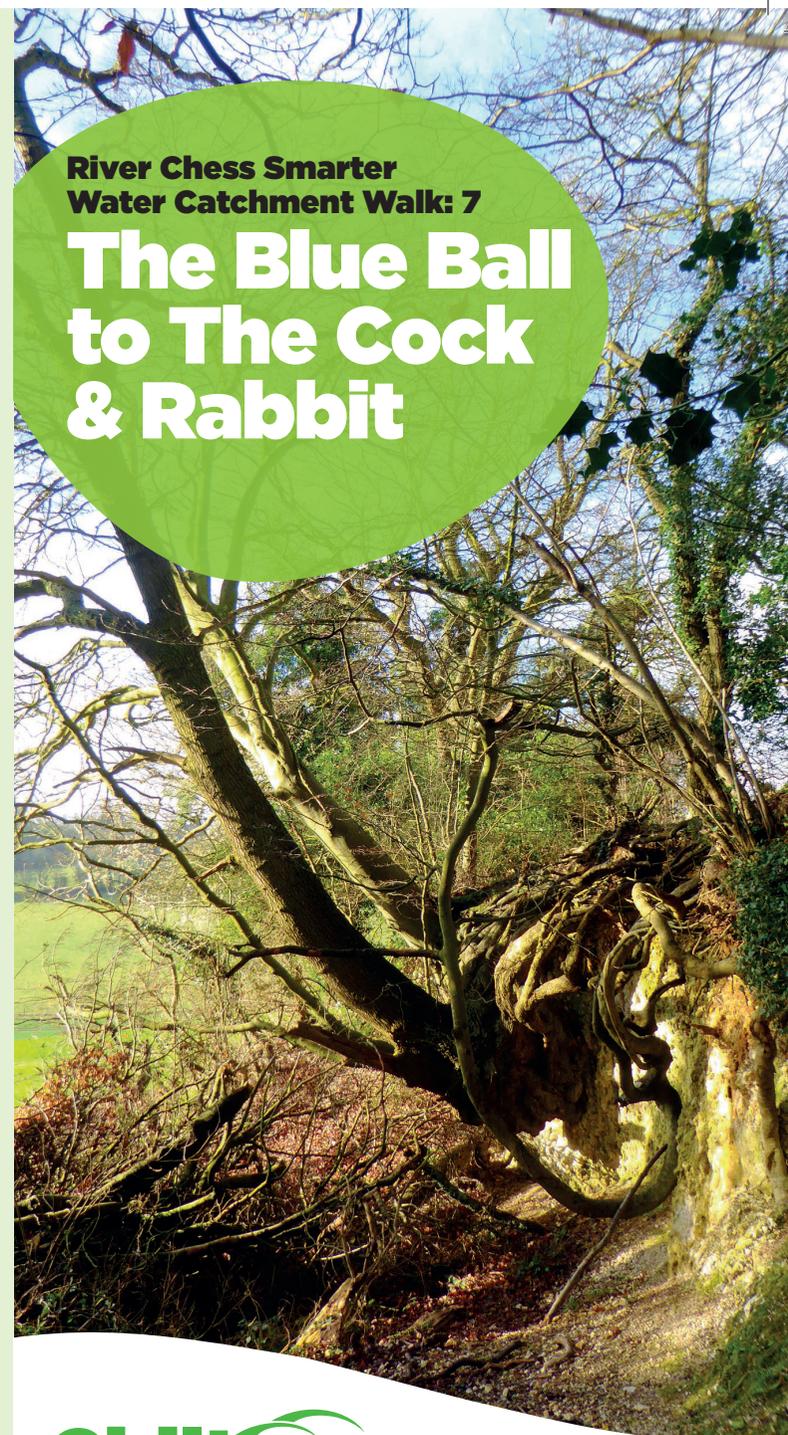


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# The Blue Ball, Asheridge to The Cock & Rabbit, The Lee

**THE BLUE BALL:** A traditional country pub with draught ale (Adnams, Tring Brewery) and good value food at lunchtimes. Step across the road to the field gate for one of the best views in the area.

**DISTANCE:** 3.25 miles / 5.2km

**DURATION:** 90 minutes

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY

**TERRAIN:** Total ascent of 400ft, descent 455ft

### The route

- 1 Turn right out of the Blue Ball, then after 1/4 mile turn left onto a bridleway
- 2 After 100 yards, turn right onto a footpath. Follow this between the buildings of the Braidwood Activity Centre and continue along the northern fringes of Braid Wood.
- 3 Turn left onto Ashotts Lane, then left at Chartridge Lane. Take the next right onto Capps Lane opposite the (closed) Conference Centre.
- 4 Turn right onto a footpath, just past the house (where the tarmac ends), then left, downhill after 50 yards.
- 5 Turn right where paths cross in the woods and follow the dry valley for 1 mile, crossing Ballinger Road on the way.
- 6 Turn right at Lee Clump Road, and follow the road to The Lee, passing the cricket ground to the left.



Scan this QR code for more information about the River Chess Smarter Water Catchment project and link to this walk



THE BLUE BALL



WAYPOINT 5



ASHOTTS LANE



CHARTRIDGE CONFERENCE CENTRE



LOWNDE'S WOOD



THE COCK & RABBIT

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