

Welcome to Kenley Common

KS/9



The history of Kenley Common



The whole of Kenley Common (including the airfield) used to be green land that could be used by the local people to graze their animals, collect firewood and forage for food like berries, mushrooms and meat.



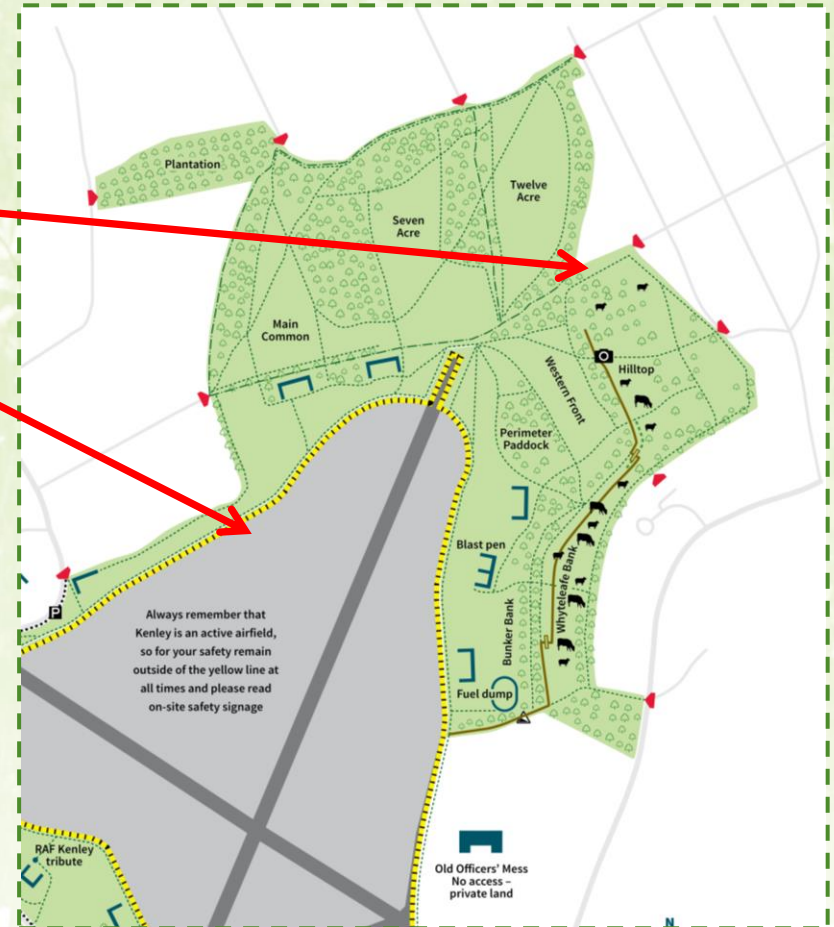
Around 100 years ago it was decided that this land needed to be used to build and fly aircraft that could defend the country. In World War 2 Kenley played a crucial role in helping to defend Britain.



Nowadays Kenley has two roles:

1. As a site for wildlife conservation and people to enjoy
2. As an RAF Airfield used to fly gliders

The meadows on Kenley are very special. Just underneath the thin layer of soil there is chalk, just like the chalk you would use on a chalkboard. This type of soil means that some very unusual grasses and flowers grow here, which mean some interesting butterflies and birds visit too!



Activity One – life cycles



The butterflies that visit the meadows on Kenley Common have a very curious way of growing up into an adult.

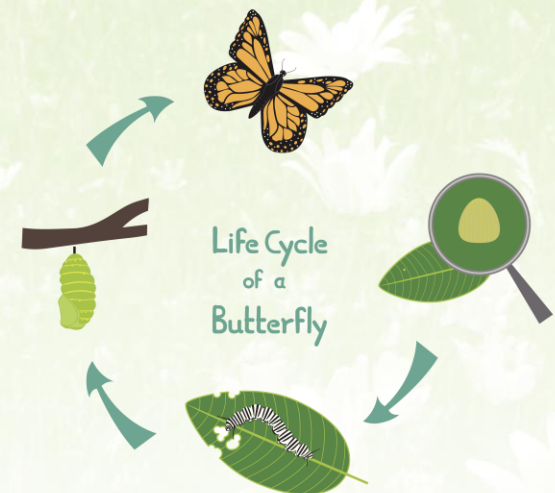
Can you use these words to fill out the Life Cycle page of your work book? Draw a picture in each of the boxes of what you think it will look like.

Butterfly
Chrysalis

Caterpillar

Egg

Does it look something like this?



Activity Two – butterfly ID game



Around the classroom you will see 8 different butterflies that you can find on Kenley Common. Each butterfly has a number on it.

Can you use the butterfly ID descriptions in your workbook to find out which butterfly is which?

Were you right?

Butterfly 1
Speckled Wood

Butterfly 2
Red Admiral

Butterfly 3
Gate Keeper

Butterfly 4
Brown Argus

Butterfly 5
Brimstone

Butterfly 6
Dark Green Fritillary

Butterfly 7
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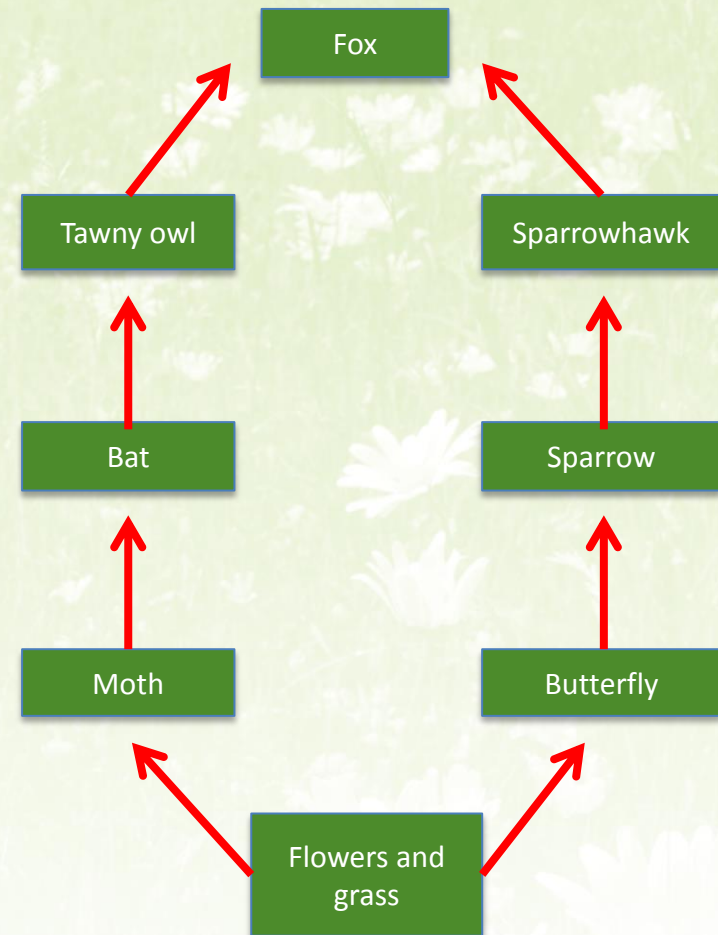
Butterfly 8
Peacock

Activity Three – food chains

Using the pictures of these animals found on Kenley Common can you make a food chain?



Does it look something like this...



Activity Four – bird song game

In your booklet you will find six different birds found on Kenley Common.

Listen to the songs and see if you can work out which bird the song comes from.



Activity Four – bird song game



Were you right?

Song 1

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Song 2

House Martin

Song 3

Great Tit

Song 4

Wood Pigeon

Song 5

Little Owl

Song 6

Green Woodpecker