



# Hazleton Common Local Nature Reserve

**Hazleton Common** is 16 hectares of developing heathland and fragmented woodland, owned and managed by Horndean Parish Council. It is designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). Habitat management on the site is aimed at developing Hazleton Common into a lowland heath, which is nationally recognised as an extremely **valuable and scarce habitat type**.

**Look out** for pockets of **Common Heather** around the site, which are an indicator of this changing habitat. Lowland heath typically contains wildlife which is specially adapted to survive in harsh, nutrient-poor environments. As it develops, it attracts important species such as **Nightjar, Dartford Warbler, Adder and Great-crested Newt**.



**LOWLAND HEATH** is valuable habitat for reptiles and Hazleton Common is no exception. The site currently has good populations of **Adders, Grass Snakes, Slow Worms and Common Lizards**. Try to spot these, basking in the sun on boardwalks and bare ground.

Hazleton Common has 3 ponds, which are home to numerous species of damselfly and dragonfly, such as the Broad-bodied Chaser. **Both Smooth and Great crested Newts live in these ponds**.

In order to encourage the development of this **priority habitat**, scrub clearance and grazing are carried out annually to control unwanted plant species.



As heathlands are dependent on nutrient-poor soils, they are sensitive to enrichment and disturbance. To help in the management of this delicate site, **visitors are asked to kindly use the dog bins provided and keep to the paths**.

