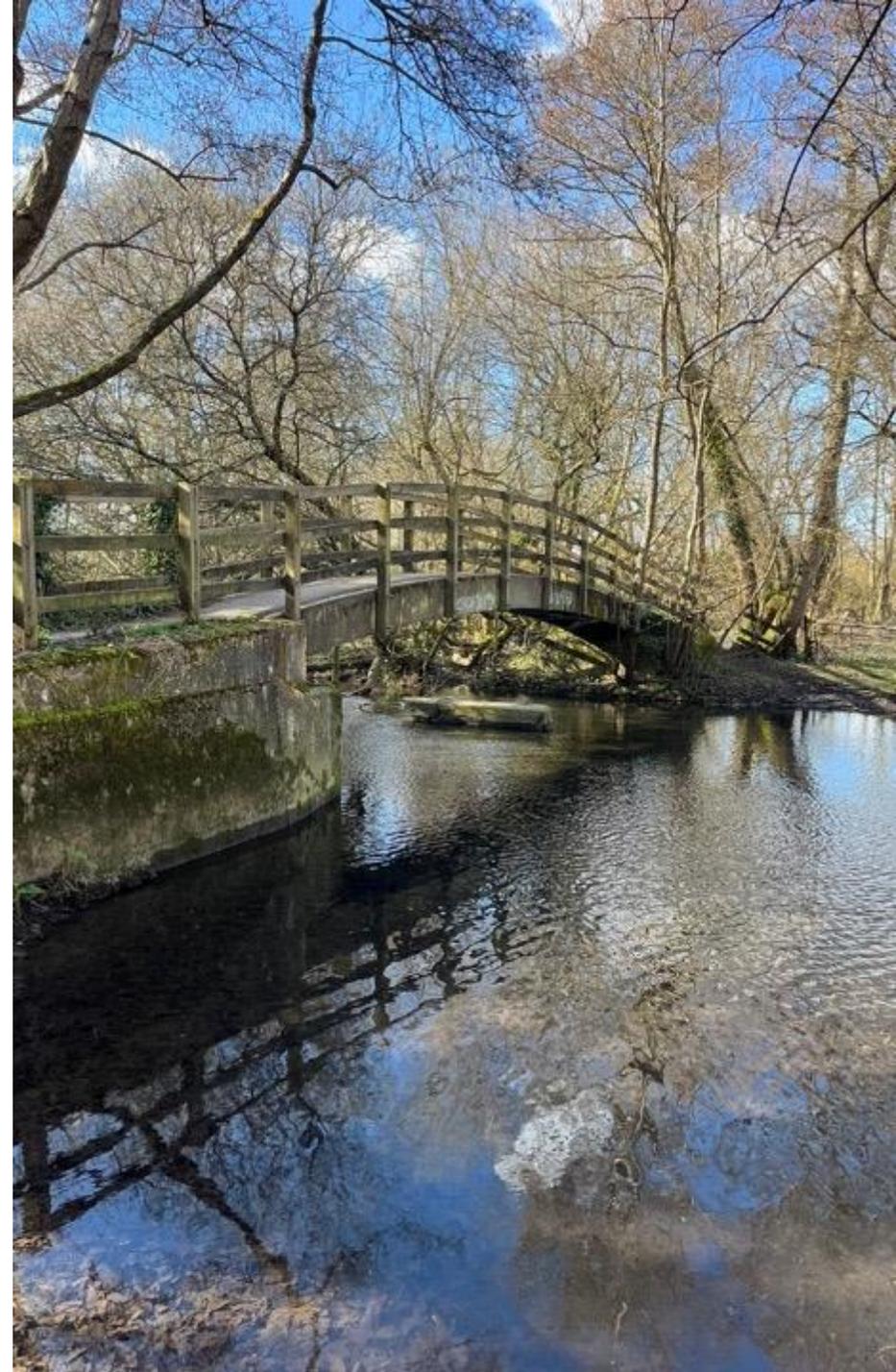
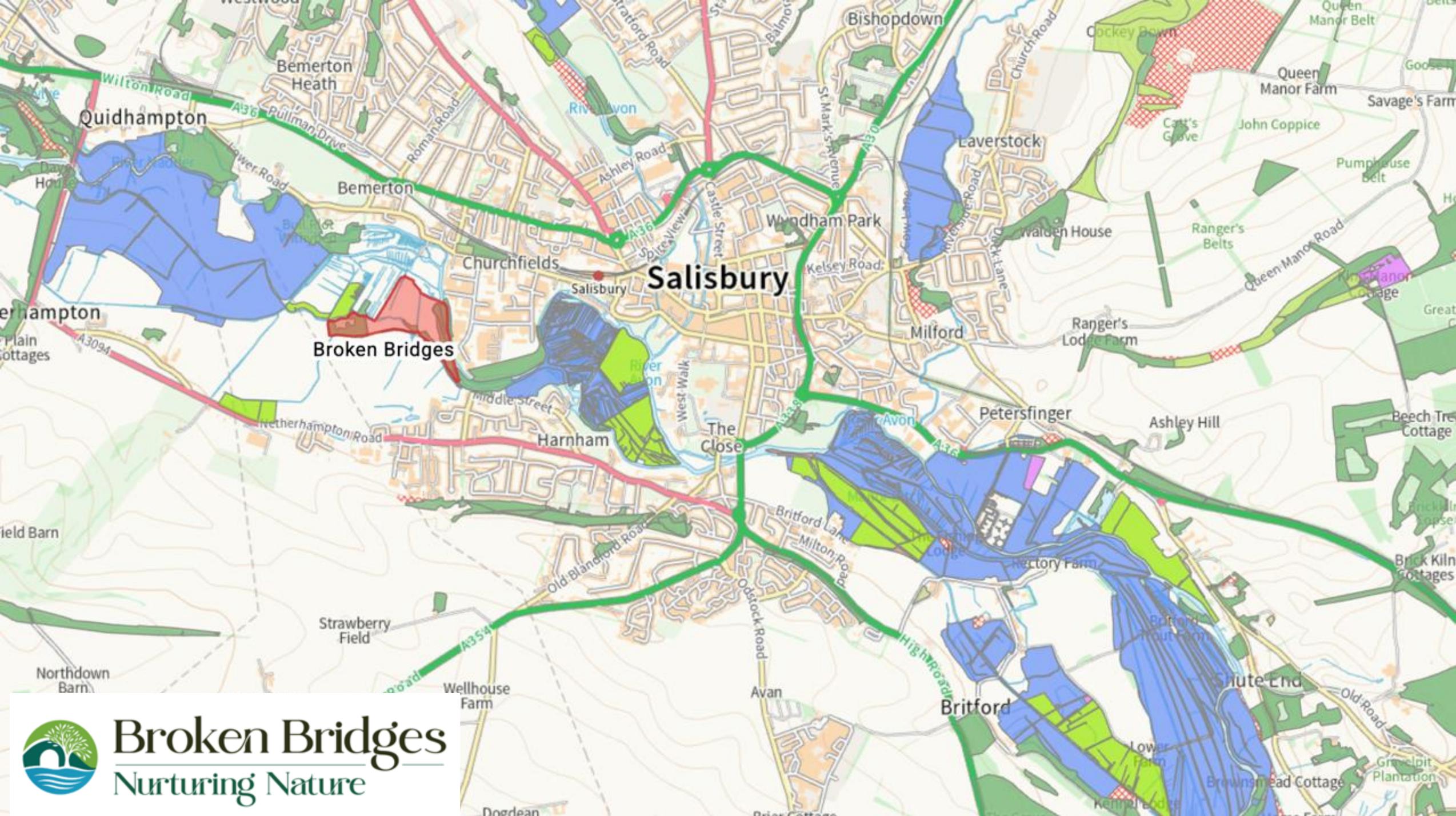




Management update

17th January 2026





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Key habitats:

- River and stream
- Carr woodland
- Flood meadow
- Lowland deciduous woodland
- Hedgerow and scrub
- Standing water



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River Nadder and Spring Creek

Importance

- SSSI/SAC designations

Management issues:

- Unfavourable condition
- Water quality
- Loss of water voles
- Invasive species – mink, Himalayan Balsam
- Fallen trees?



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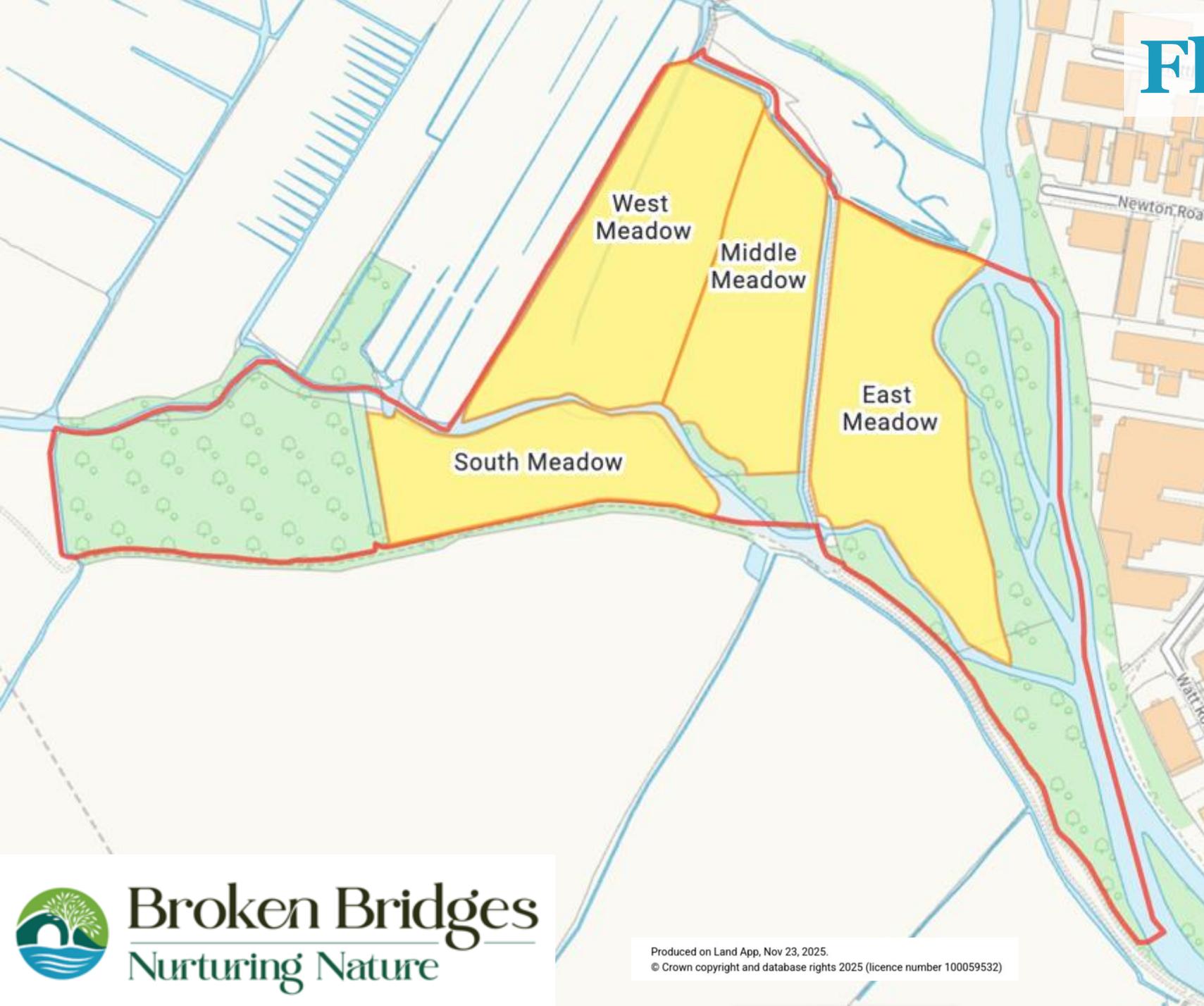
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Flood meadows



Importance:

- 97% Lowland meadows lost since WWII
- Good botanical records

Management issues:

- No cutting or grazing
- Dominated by sedges and coarse grasses
- Needs fencing to allow grazing
- Aim to re-establish a traditional haymaking system



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March 2013



October 2025









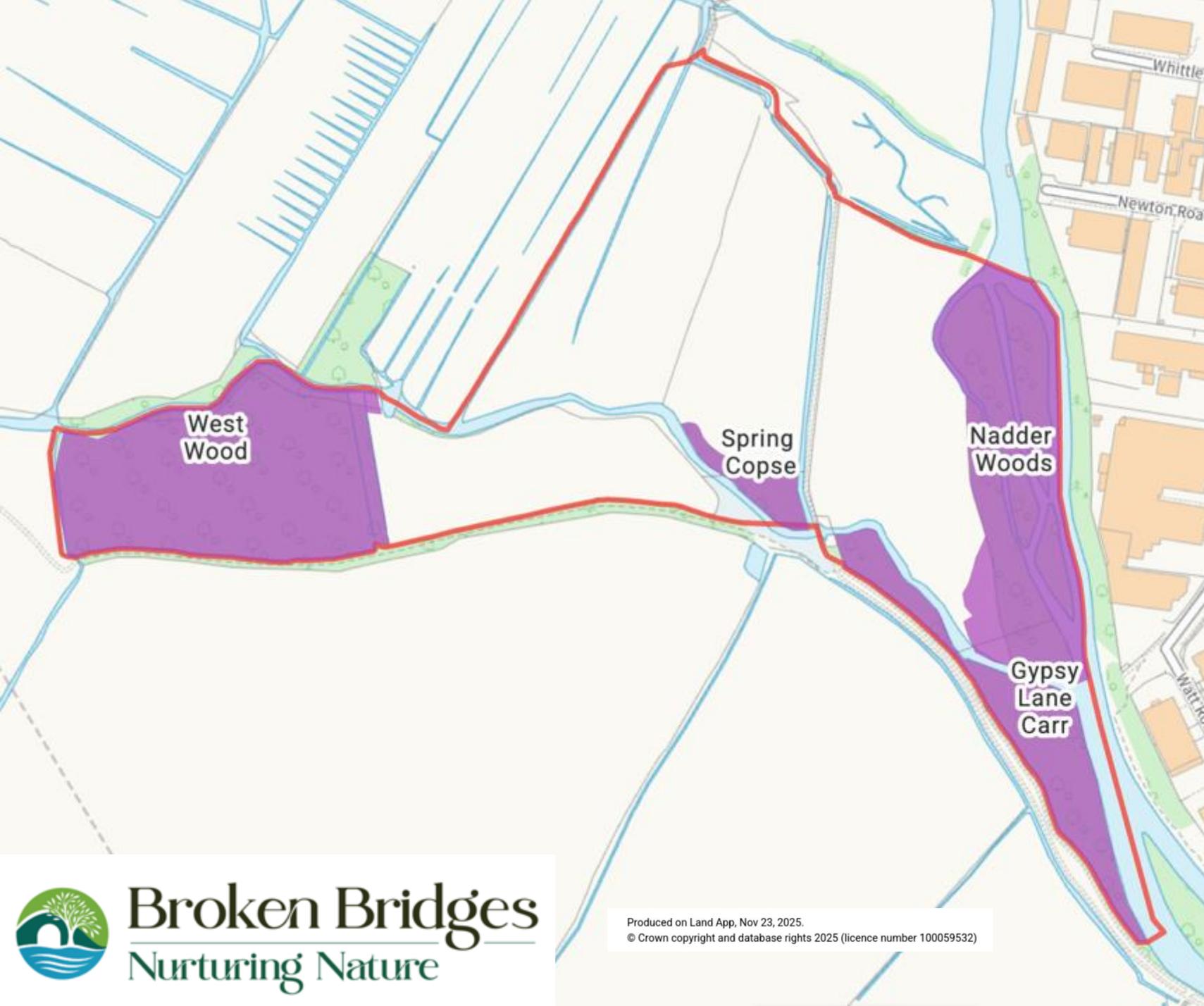
Woodlands

Importance:

- Willow carr
- Lowland deciduous woodland – UK priority habitat

Management issues:

- Largely non-intervention
- Tree safety
- Ensure regeneration
- Mixed ages of trees
- Retain/encourage deadwood habitat

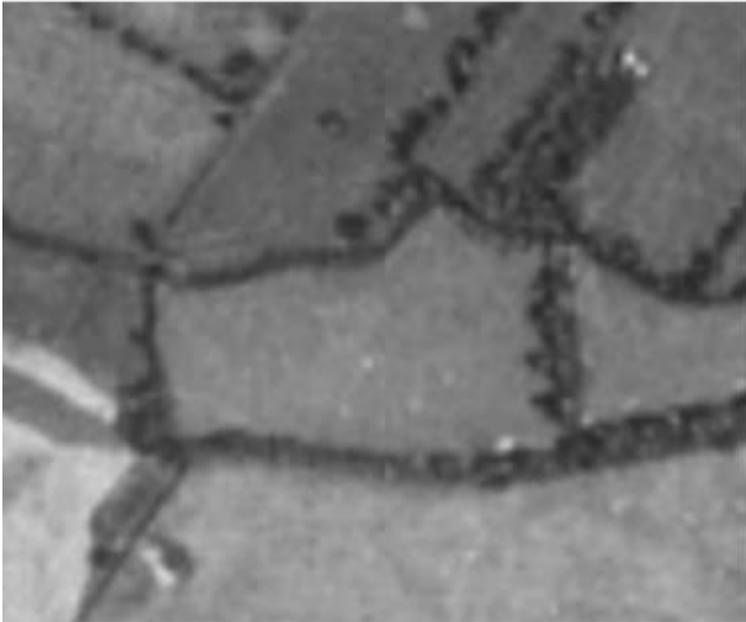






West Wood colonisation

1945



2002



2025



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Hedges and scrub

Importance:

- Hedges UK priority habitat
- Scrub – underrated habitat

Management issues:

- Encroachment onto meadow habitat
- Obstructing drainage channels
- Obstructing fenceline
- Line of new path?



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Willow encroachment





Standing water

Importance:

- Like temporary pond habitat
- Functioning of the flood meadow

Management issues:

- Willow colonisation
- Obstruction of drainage channels



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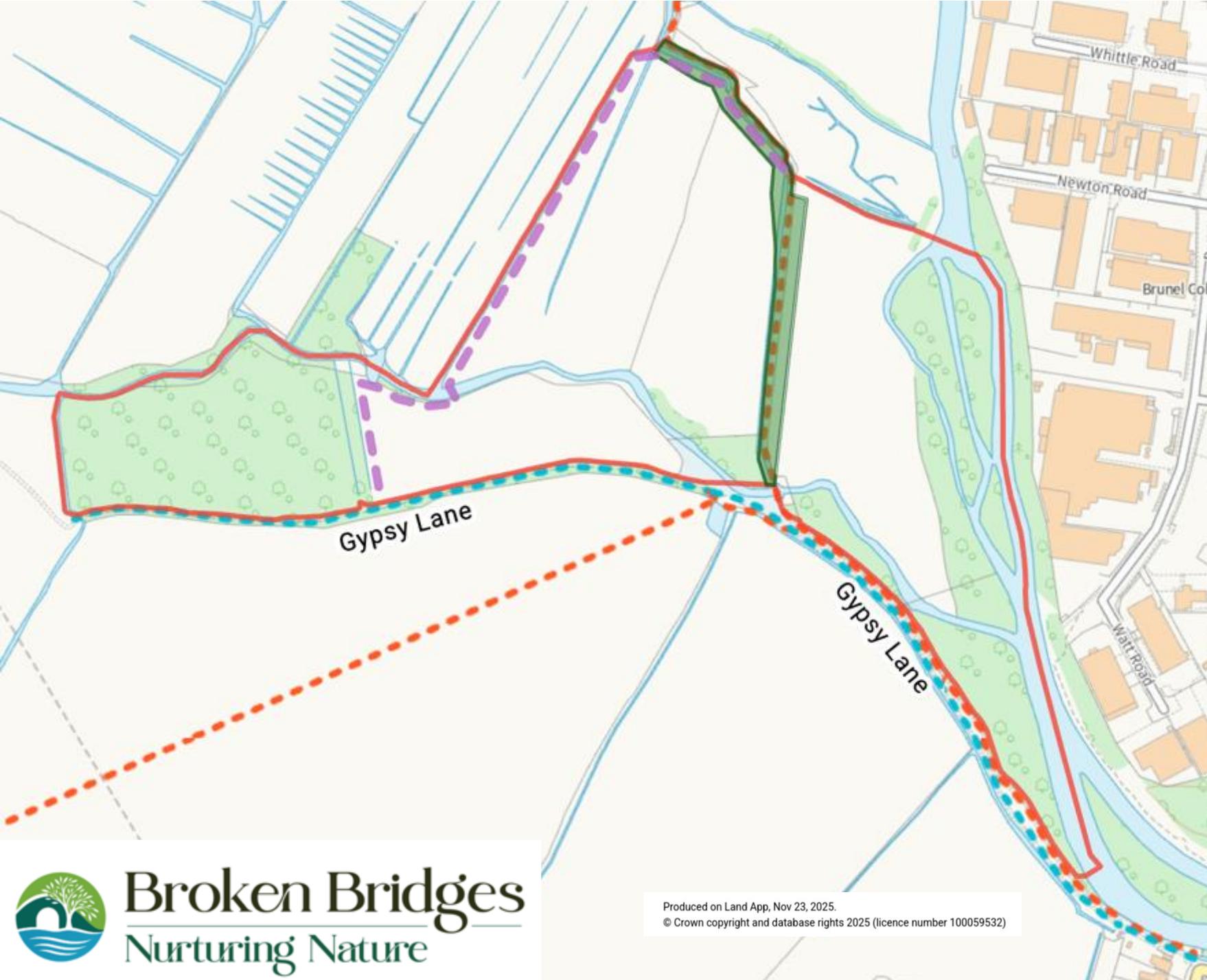
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Importance:

- Key to our vision
- Circular route
- Access to new developments

Management issues:

- Fencing
- Scrub clearance
- Footbridge over Spring Creek





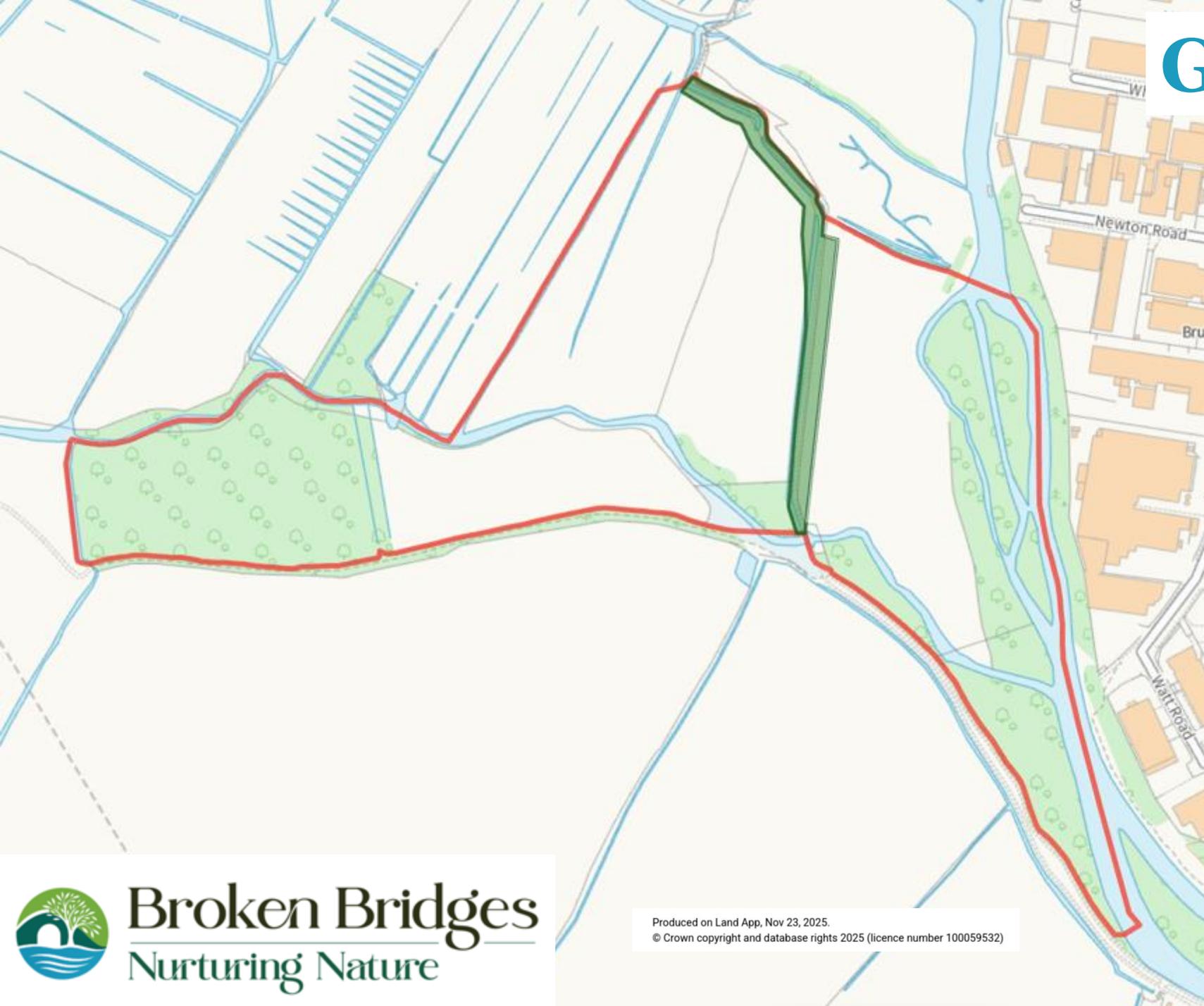
Green corridor

Importance:

- Key to our vision

Management issues:

- Footpath overgrown
- Wire fences close to walkers
- Scope for new habitats
- Community involvement



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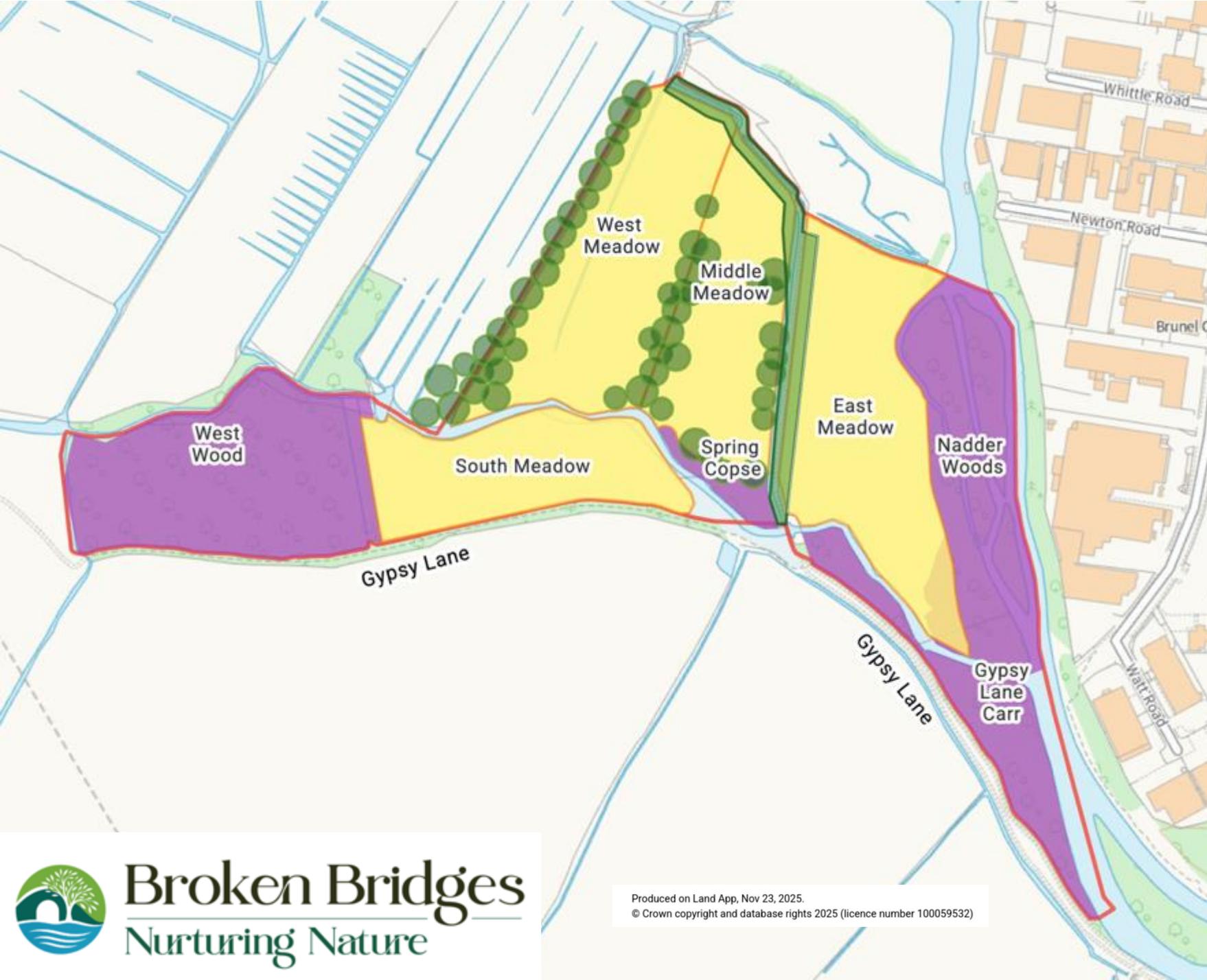
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Key achievements

- Land purchase
- We have become a Charity
- Tree safety work
- Early fundraising success
- Public support
- Notice boards
- Meadows cut
- Fencing east meadow and green corridor



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Future priorities

- Invasive species in river
- Fencing to enable grazing
- Cut and remove grass
- Decide management of hedges and channels
- Access to West Wood
- Monitoring
- Events

