

The following was written by Brian Fellows, a local naturalist and mentor of the Brook Meadow Conservation Group in Emsworth:

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Nore Barn

For a change of scenery, I drove over to Nore Barn this morning, an old haunt of mine, but not been for a while. Managed to park in one of the new parking bays at the end of Warblington Road. High tide and calm water. Good place to be! Great variety of habitats for keen naturalists. Try it. Reedbeds, saltmarshes, woods, shoreline, etc. Our colleagues in the Friends of Nore Barn Woods are doing a great job.

Reedbeds: (no access)

There's a nice line of Saltmarsh Rushes along the edge of the reedbeds. We have had Saltmarsh Rushes on Brook Meadow, but not for many years. Reed Warbler was singing!!

The reedbeds



Saltmarsh Rush



Saltmarshes:

There's lots of interesting plants on the saltmarshes as always including Lax-flowered Sea-lavender, Lesser Sea-spurrey, Sea Plantain, English Scurvygrass, Sea Purslane, Grass-leaved Orache and the highly aromatic Sea Wormwood.

The saltmarshes



Lesser Sea-spurrey



Woods:

Into the woods where Chaffinches were singing!! Rare birds indeed. There's plenty of Timothy emerging in the grassland glades. Nice low grasses and no Fescues!



Timothy Grass

