



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 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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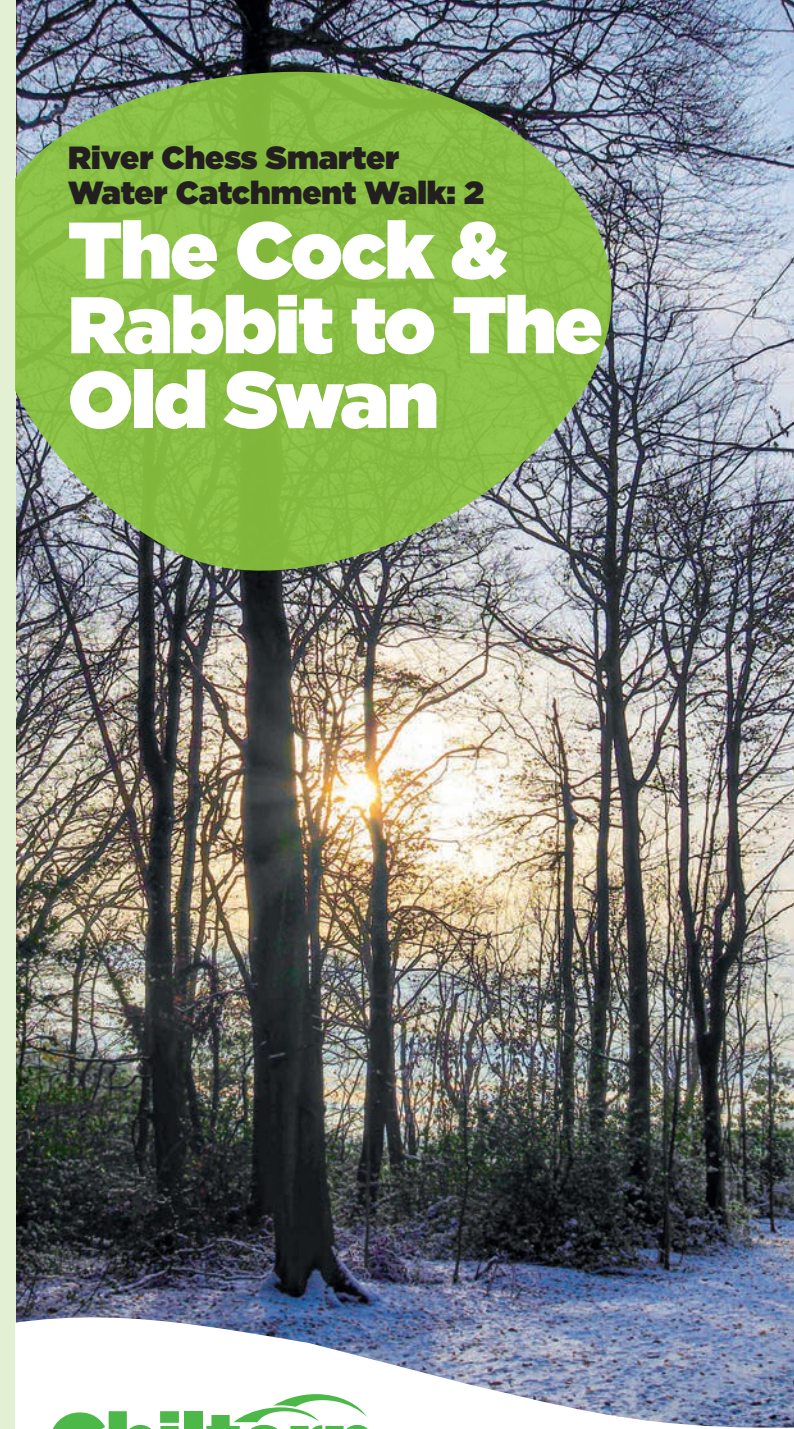
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The Cock & Rabbit to The Old Swan



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The Cock & Rabbit, The Lee to The Old Swan, Swan Bottom

THE COCK & RABBIT: Can be found on the beautiful village green at The Lee. Followers of television's *Midsomer Murders* may recognise the inn as The Rose and Chalice, chosen for the series because of its timeless charm and village green location. The Cock and Rabbit is near Great Missenden, situated in beautiful countryside amongst the rolling Chiltern hills. The interior may be less familiar, following renovation work over Christmas 2022.

DISTANCE: 1.1 miles / 1.8km

DURATION: 30 minutes

DIFFICULTY: EASY

TERRAIN: Total ascent of 140m, descent 100m

The route

- 1 Leave Lee Clump road by the footpath beside a small pond
- 2 Turn left in the woods
- 3 Take a right turn through gate into paddock
- 4 Go over the stile, Kingsvale farm. Cross Red Lion Hill and take the Bridleway
- 5 Turn left onto the Chiltern Way where the paths cross



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

