

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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River Chess Smarter Water Catchment Walk: 3 The Old Swan to The White Lion



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The Old Swan, Swan Bottom to The White Lion in St. Leonards

THE OLD SWAN: Is a sixteenth century family-run, freehold pub offering all a warm welcome and good service. It offers great beer at it's cosy inviting bar upholding the best traditions of an English country pub.

DISTANCE: 1.85 miles / 3km DURATION: 45 minutes DIFFICULTY: EASY TERRAIN: Total ascent of 210m, descent 220m

The route

Take the footpath across the road from The Old Swan, and turn right after the gate through the hedge

- Be sure to follow the Chiltern Way diagonally to the right on entering the belt of trees
- 2. Turn right onto Arrewig lane, then left onto another footpath in 25 yards
- Keep straight on up the bank on entering the woods at Lady Grove. Continue across the field to join the bridleway towards Dundridge Manor
- **4.** Turn left on leaving the manor, then left at the fork in the road. The White Lion is directly ahead.



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

