



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.

This leaflet has been produced by Chesham Society Volunteers on behalf of the River Chess Smarter Water Catchment Partners including:



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The Full Moon to The Blue Ball



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The Full Moon, Cholesbury to The Blue Ball, Asheridge

THE FULL MOON: A traditional countryside pub, set beside the commons joining Hawridge and Cholesbury. Combining good value, quality pub food and draught beers from Tring Brewery.

DISTANCE: 2 miles / 3.2km

DURATION: 45 minutes

DIFFICULTY: EASY

TERRAIN: Total ascent of 300m, descent 325m

The route

- 1 Leave the Full Moon by the footpath running along the far end of the beer garden. At the far end of the field, bear right and follow the path downhill to Hawridge Bottom
- 2 Turn left onto Hawridge Bottom - overgrown in places. If reversing the route - watch for the path on the left heading out of the valley
- 3 Go over stile
- 4 Turn right onto Hawridge Lane - steep and rough in places
- 5 Turn left onto Chesham Road
- 6 Then turn right onto Two Gates Lane
- 7 Go over stile, shortly after leaving Two Gates Lane
- 8 Leave the path into the corner of the Blue Ball car park



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



THE FULL MOON



STILE AT WAYPOINT 3



HAWRIDGE BOTTOM



HAWRIDGE LANE



STILE AT WAYPOINT 7



THE BLUE BALL

