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# Arun Wood West Sussex

Bluebells are one of the great pleasures we can enjoy in woodlands, and here there is an abundance: almost all of this lovely wood is graced by the brightest of blues.

# **Details**

Price: £85,000 Freehold

Location: Tortington, Arundel, West Sussex

Size: About 3¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 197
Grid ref: TQ 000 062

Nearest post code: BN18 0UX

# **Local manager**

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## Description

Light floods into the woodland from the open south side, where there are views over the neighbouring farmland. An ancient yew spreads its branches, forming a wonderfully secluded special place with a clear floor which is perfect as a retreat base. The Scots pines are reaching maturity and some specimens could be retained, and the oak which was planted at the same time is also now ready for more space and light.

#### Trees

Scots pine spread throughout were planted as a nurse crop with the oak, in the next few years gradual thinning of the pine would give the oak more space. Hazel is the understorey, and it too would like more light for their catkins and fruit.

#### Wildlife

The whole forested area at Tortington is designated as a LWS (local wildlife site) and the description (citation) and map can be seen by clicking **HERE LWS**. This describes some of the nature found in Arun Wood which is classified as ancient and seminatural woodland. Many of the woodland flowers typical of ancient woodland are found here, especially the exceptional bluebells. This area is also part of the <u>South Downs National Park</u>, designated because of its special landscape and wildlife quality.

The rather intriguing plant, <u>butchers broom</u> is present. Click on the link for info.

#### Features

A rustic bench hidden away inside the woodland is a perfect resting place from the labours of collecting firewood or just wandering around in the wood getting to know it. The stream, running fast enough to generate that sound of strickling water, responds to the wet weather ebbing and flowing.

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

Access from Tortington Lane, a public highway, is along a hard woodland track where there is a right of way at all times for all purposes. Maintenance is according to use made.

#### Rights and covenants

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a <u>covenant</u> to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Parish is Tortington, in Arun District Council in the county of West Sussex.

### Activities

The open area under the spreading branches of the ancient yew would be a perfect place for a canopy, the branches being plenty strong enough to take the modest weight.

# Local area and history

Nearby is the site of the medieval Augustinian priory and its associated church with an ancient chancel arch and doorway showing remarkable carvings with "grotesque, boggle-eyed monsters", rare beakhead figures and chevron ornamentation. Ellis de Cheyney acquired the Tortington manor in 1295 - it having been a 'gift' by William the Conqueror to Earl Roger de Montgomery. Subsequently passing through several families, the lands, farms and priory ruins were taken over in the late 1800s by the Duke of Norfolk for his Arundel Estate.

A Historic England report outlines evidence of a Roman road running through Tortington Woods – this report is available <u>here</u> (see page 68-71).

#### Maps

<u>Click here</u> for a link to NLS Lidar maps

**CLICK HERE** for better quality maps to print out.

# How to find this woodland

You are welcome to visit this wood by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our woodlands do not have mobile phone reception or internet access so we recommend either printing the details or downloading them to your phone/tablet/laptop.

Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

# **Directions**

Arun Wood is just 2 miles west of Arundel and 10 miles east of Chichester in Tortington Lane off the A27.

- 1. <u>Click here for Bing Maps Directions</u> enter your own postcode, (the coordinates for the main entrance gate is already entered) and click on the "Directions" box then "To Here" add your postcode or town then "GO". This will take you to the metal gate, please park to one side, there is a suitable area off the road.
- 2. For Satnav: the nearest postcode is BN18 OUX as shown by the red dot on the maps.

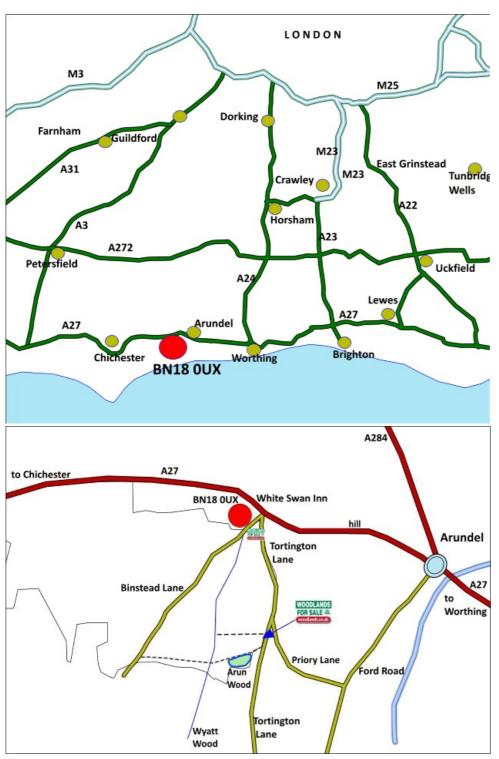
#### Coordinates for your Satnav are N50.847554, W0.578077

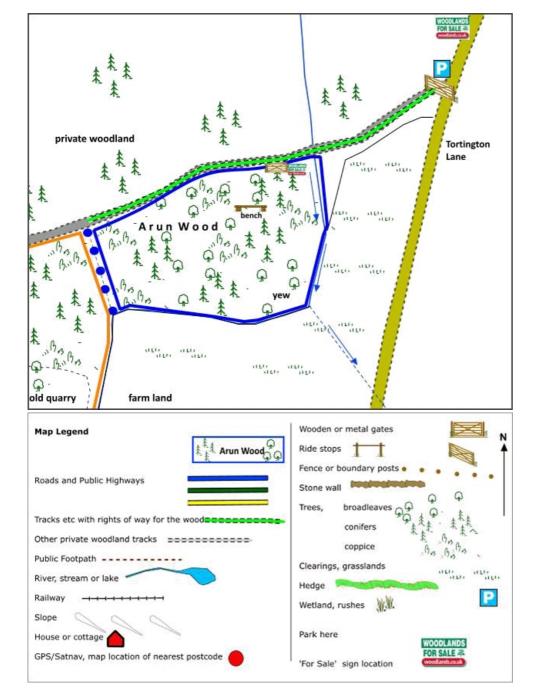
- 3. Locate the A27 Chichester to Arundel road.
- From Arundel travel up the long hill
- and at the top look out for the left turn, signed Tortington, between two houses and opposite the White Swan Inn
- turn down here and almost immediately take the left fork where there is a 'for sale' sign on the tree ahead
- continue down Tortington Lane
- pass the collection of houses on your left then
- · take the right fork
- pass the 'for sale' sign set up on the tree
- Arun Wood is on the right down a hard track behind a metal gate, this track is also a public footpath
- please do not park in the gateway
- pass to one side of the gate and walk down the track, Arun Wood is on the left identified by the blue markings. There is a metal gate with a for sale sign at its entrance.

From Chichester take the right turn a little way after the dual carriageway ends by the White Swan Inn.

# **Boundaries:**

These are indicated with blue markings. To the north side there is a fence next to the track, to the west there are free-standing posts with blue markings. To the east there are blue markings on trees, the stream is included with the boundary on the far bank, where the stream joins the field the boundary is on the near bank, here, the stream is not included - but can be enjoyed. Along the south side there is a shallow ditch the boundary is on the nearside of this, there are blue markings on nearby trees.





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Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

All woodlands are sold at a fixed price, and include free membership of the <u>Small Woodland Owners Group</u> and the <u>Royal Forestry</u> <u>Society</u>, as well as <u>£300 towards paying for a course</u> (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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