

Bridle Wood And Meadow, West Sussex - About 5½ acres, £75,000

Description

Here, about 20 years ago, the historical grazing by cattle and horses ceased and the land was left to nature; large oak and ash on the field boundaries produced thousands of acorns and ash keys which over the years have emerged from the pasture and now show as semi-mature trees of varying ages. Untouched by man, ecological [succession](#) will lead to a climax woodland, as trees take over any open ground. The process continues, seedlings can be found at grass height but now the resident deer population are slowing the whole process and maintaining clearings rich in soft grasses and wildflowers.

Butterflies and other invertebrates love the sunny open areas where they constantly hunt for nectar hopping from flower to flower. Clumps of bramble provide shelter, nectar and berries, and even the humble thistle contributes with its pretty blue flower and has seeds which are loved by goldfinches. Along the north side of the meadow, hiding the large stream, there is a dense bank of blackthorn, bright with white flowers in spring.

The property is set just inside the [High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#), a designation that recognises the landscape quality and for which there is plenty of advice and information on maintaining [wildflower meadows](#). Bridle Wood is real countryside. With this varied habitat and water nearby birdlife abounds - to hear the [dawn chorus click here](#) recorded at 5.00am on May 20th (sorry not Mac). They continue to sing!

Access

Bridle Wood is well away from any public road with the access along private tracks where there is a full right of way as shown on the plans to the wood entrance where there is space to park a vehicle.

For viewing please park at **P** to one side - please do not park on the mown grass opposite, it's a pleasant walk of about 700 metres along a grass track and across a tiny stream, along another track then back over the stream.

History

The Saxons named the nearest town "Grinstead", meaning "the green place", and it's now known as East Grinstead. Worsted is certainly green although in the past lavender was grown on the sandy ground, showing purple against the green. For many years the ground supported horses as part of a racing stud, and old horse shoes turn up now and again.

Maps

The Ordnance Survey map, see link below, shows the area as open ground, click on the aerial option and the mixed vegetation will be seen.

Permissive path

There is a permissive path along the eastern boundary stream bank, and the track to the south west and west is a public footpath in addition to a right of way for the wood.

The purchasers of the meadow will be asked to enter into a [covenant](#) to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Price: £75,000 Freehold

Location: Worsted, East Grinstead, West Sussex

Size: About 5½ acres for sale

Local manager

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How to find this meadow

You are welcome to visit this meadow by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our meadows 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.

Location

OS Landranger: OS No 198

Grid ref: TQ 412 383

Nearest post code: RH19 3UF

Directions

Bridle Wood and Meadow is about 2 miles south east of East Grinstead off the A22.

1 **For Directions From Bing Maps click here**, enter your own postcode, (entrance coordinates are already entered) and click on the "Directions" box (under the mauve line) for your own route to the parking place.

2 **Satnav:** the postcode **RH19 3UF** is for the point shown by the red dot on the location map/s.

These are the coordinates accepted by satnavs **N51.121253, E0.012216**

3 Without the use of Satnav - take the A22 Lewes Road out of East Grinstead,

- take the sharp left turn into Worsted Lane
- drive down the lane and then down the slope
- go left just before Worsted Farm up the narrow track
- drive into the parking area straight ahead
- park on the right, beside the double metal gates.

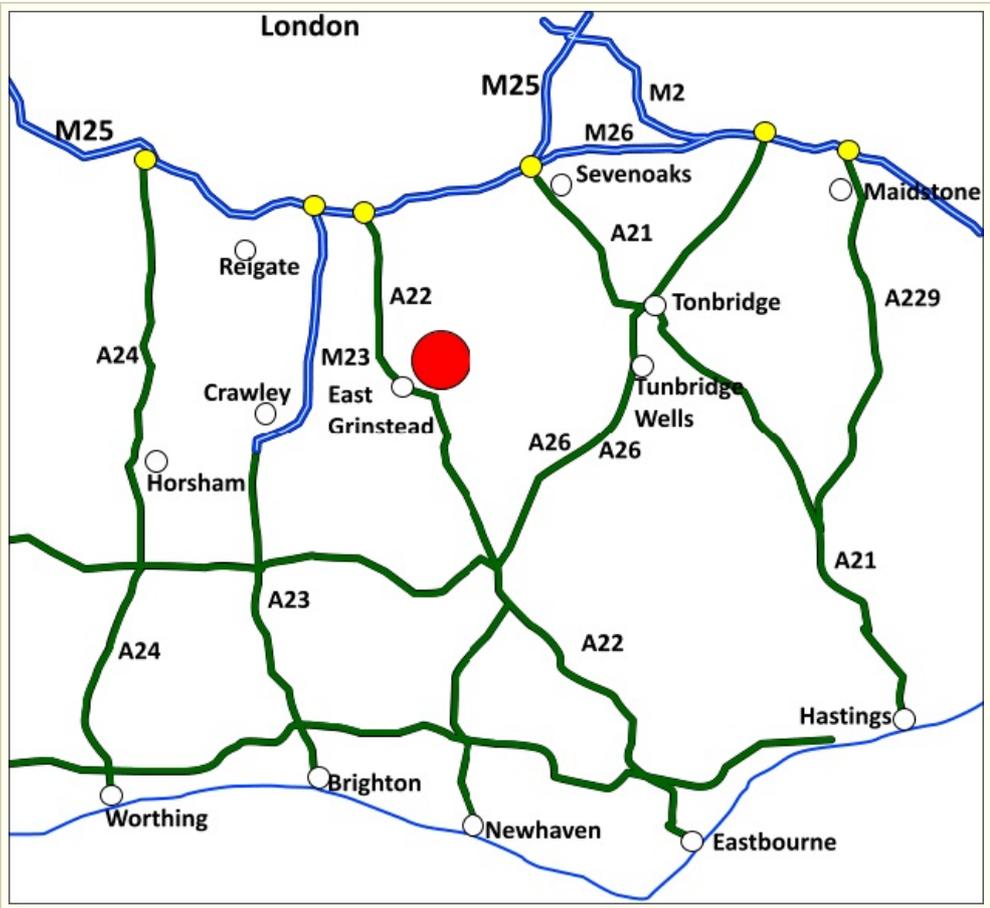
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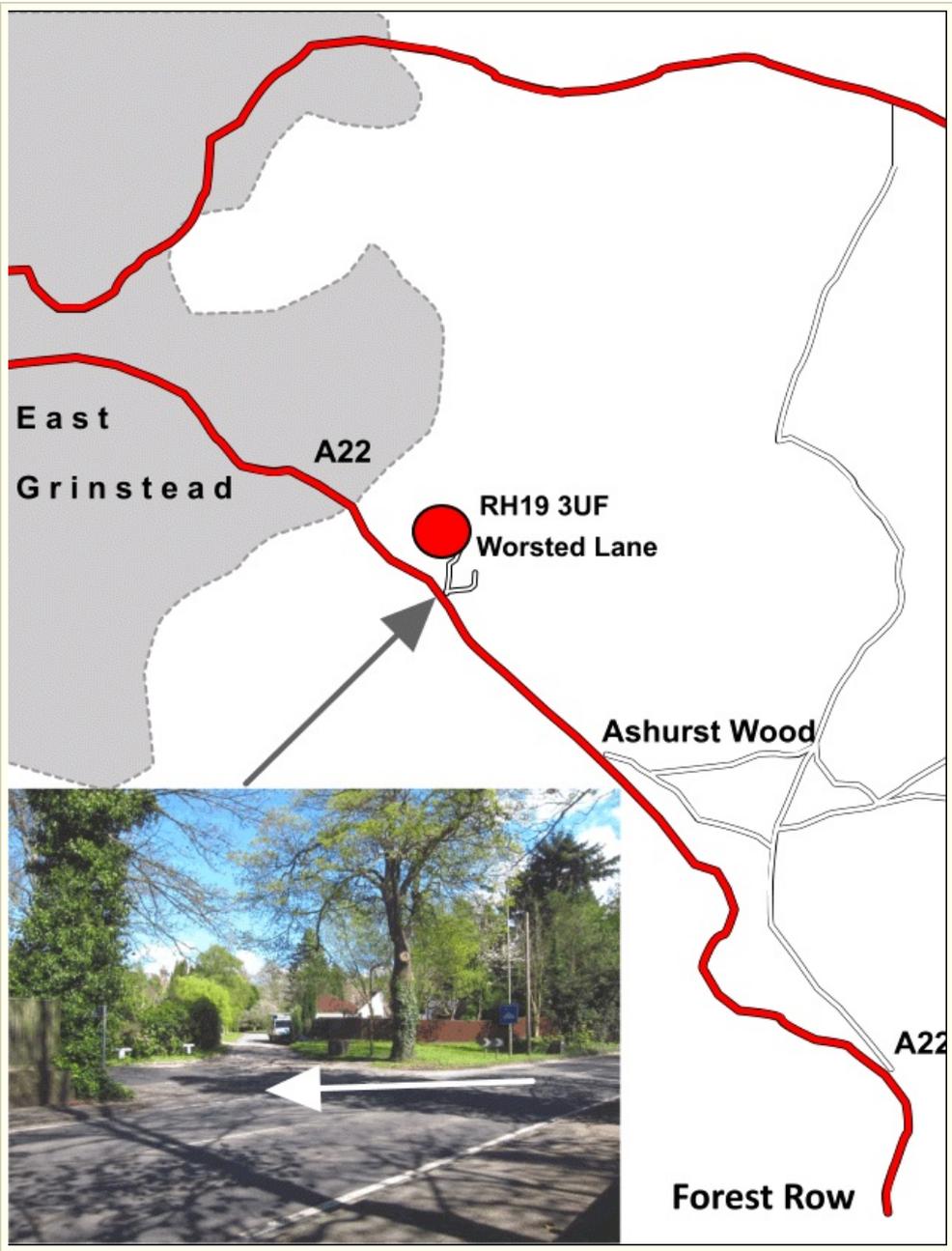
From here it's about 700 metres on foot

- Walk down the track,
- (right to the side of the gates, double bend, down slope, right, left, right, long straight)
- pass the solar farm on your left
- cross the stream, climb over the single red metal gate and then left onto the track ahead
- just before the bright galvanised gate, go left
- cross the railsleeper bridge and Bridle Wood is on the right, through the ridestop entranceway.

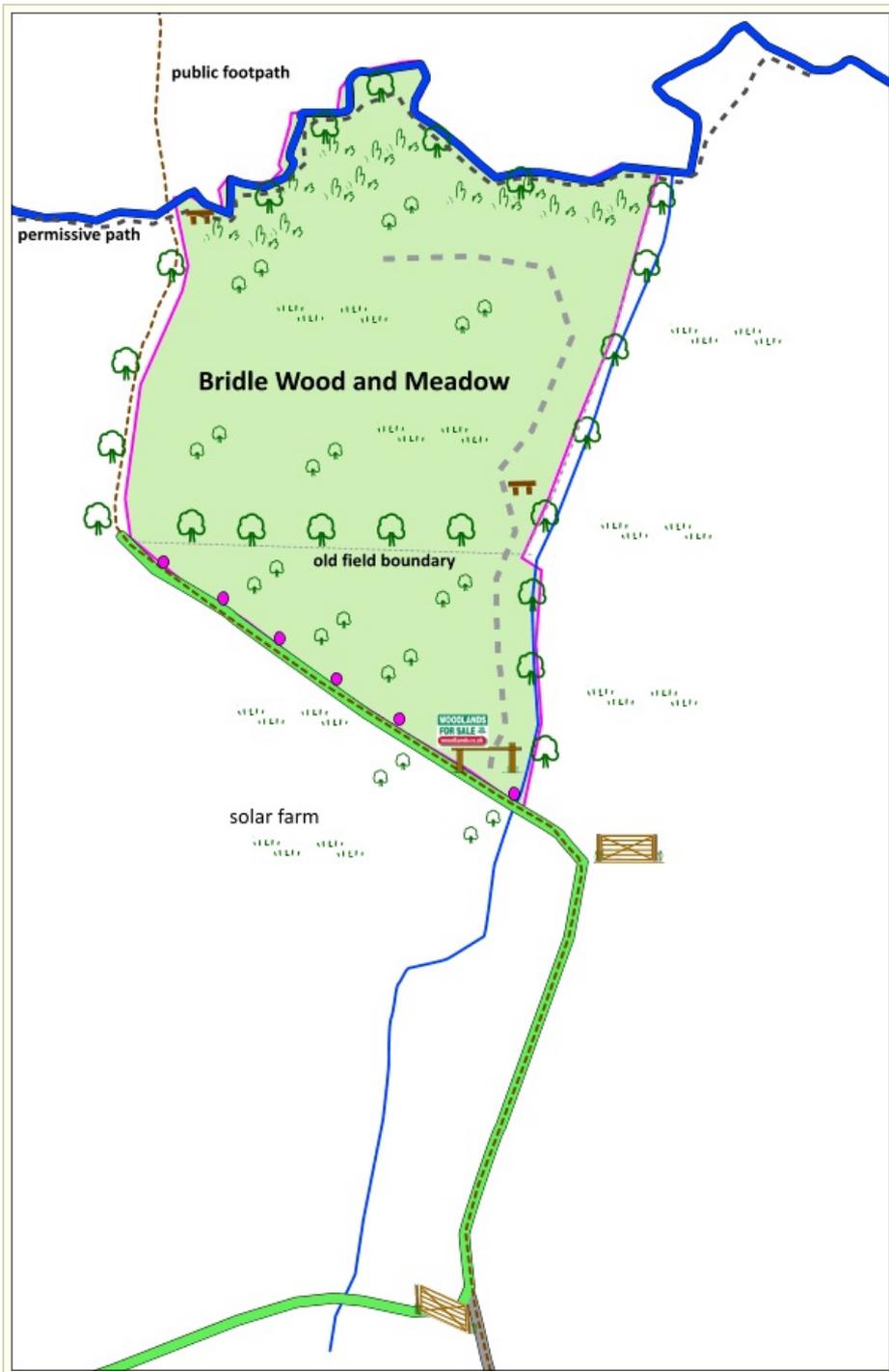
Boundaries:

These are shown by mauve markings on trees and free standing posts. They are to the north the far side of the large stream, to the east there are markings on the trees, the west is alongside the track and to the south there is a line of posts.









Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by phone or email, has priority.

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 [Small Woodland Owners Group](#) and the [Royal Forestry Society](#), as well as [£300 towards paying for a course](#) (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

These particulars are for guidance only and, though believed to be correct, do not form part of any contract. Woodland Investment Management Ltd hereby give notice under section 21 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 of their interest in the land being sold.