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Wingtip Wood Kent

A plentiful supply of firewood is available in this attractive ancient bluebell woodland featuring oak, alder, birch, sweet chestnut and hornbeam.

Details

Price: £79,000 Freehold Location: Biddenden, Kent Size: About 4 acres for sale OS Landranger: OS No 188 Grid ref: TQ 843 353

Nearest post code: TN27 8DX

Local manager

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Description

Wingtip Wood is an **Ancient Semi-natural Woodland (ASNW)** as designated by **Natural England.** Ancient Woodland has been under constant tree cover since at least 1600AD. It is valued as a rich reserve of biodiversity. The presence of hard ferns and bluebells carpeting the forest floor highlights the woodland's ancient origins, as both are recognised indicators of ancient woodland. Wingtip Wood forms part of the larger Brogues Wood area, surrounded by meadows to the north and neighbouring woodlands to the east. The open meadows provide stunning views, creating an ideal spot for bird and insect watching across the sunlit landscape. A rustic bench tucked away in a private clearing in the woodland offers a peaceful place to sit and fully immerse yourself in nature.

Wingtip Wood is situated approx. 3km south-west of Biddenden and 4km north-east of Benenden in the county of Kent. A private stoned track provides access to the wood. There is a place for a new owner to park within the wood itself.

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.

Trees

Wingtip Wood features a diverse range of broadleaf tree species – mature oak, birch, sweet chestnut, hornbeam, alder, hazel, ash and hawthorn. Chestnut can be used as a firewood - it has a reasonable heat output, flame, and burn time. Birch is also a great option for a wood-burning stove as, even though it's a hardwood, it burns quickly but produces a lot of heat.

A draft Woodland Management Plan for Brogues Wood (of which Wingtip Wood is a part) is available upon request. There is a **Tree Preservation Order** on a very narrow strip along the north edge of Wingtip Wood (details of this TPO are available upon request), though this does not prevent normal forest management when covered by a Forestry Commission approved woodland management plan. Wingtip Wood sits within the Local Wildlife Site known as Sandpit Wood. Details of this can be downloaded from **here.**

Wildlife

Muntjac, roe and fallow deer have been recorded in the vicinity of the woodland.

A number of priority invertebrate species have been recorded in the vicinity including butterflies such as dingy skipper, wood white, white admiral, heath fritillary, grizzled skipper and small pearl bordered fritillary. Diversifying the woodland structure (e.g. by coppicing, thinning and glade creation) could also result in improved habitat for these species.

It is certain that bat species will be present and will make use of the woodland and open areas within it for foraging. Species recorded in the vicinity include soprano pipistrelle, noctule, and brown long-eared bats.

For ideas on how to manage your woodland for wildlife why not have a look here:

https://www.woodlands.co.uk/owning-a-wood/managing-your-woodland-for-wildlife/

Features

- A splendid ancient woodland with mature oaks and a plentiful supply of firewood.
- Great all year-round access via a stoned track.
- Sloping to the north it is well drained.
- A rustic bench set within a private clearing.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Wingtip Wood is easily accessed from a quiet country lane (Benenden Road), through a locked wooden gate (an owner will be provided a key for this locked gate). There is a stoned track providing access to the wood. There is a place for a new owner to park inside the boundary of Wingtip Wood.

Rights and covenants

The wood is sold with the sporting rights.

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Activities

Wingtip Wood is a delightful family woodland, perfect for private camping and a variety of outdoor pursuits. It provides an excellent opportunity for a new owner to care for and manage an ancient woodland. Families can enjoy spending time together

collecting firewood, creating small clearings, and encouraging the beautiful bluebells to thrive.

Woodlands.co.uk are also pleased to offer £300 for new owners to attend a **woodland related course** of their choosing to pursue their woodland interests. We offer support for new woodland owners, including books, subscriptions, introductions to neighbours, advice on local suppliers and money towards relevant training. You can read more about this here:

https://www.woodlands.co.uk/owning-a-wood/support/

Local area and history

The wood is situated approx. 3km south-west of Biddenden and 4km north-east of Benenden in the county of Kent. The nearby village of **Biddenden** was in the 1300's part of an important centre for Broadcloth manufacture, with much of the very attractive high street built during this period. **Biddenden Vineyard** is located nearby, which in addition to producing some fine wines, is also Kent's largest cider producer.

Ordnance Survey maps indicate that the areas currently under pasture were until at least the 1960s also under woodland but were subsequently deforested. However, the external woodland boundaries have changed very little since the mid-nineteenth century. There are some features of potential local archaeological interest in the wider woodland, including external wood-banks and ditches, remains of old tracks, and pits.

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

Google Maps Pin for main gate here.

What3Words reference for main gate here. (///softly.homeward.visit)

Closest **postcode**: TN27 8DX This will take you to the area as shown by the red dot on the map.

Coordinates for main gate leading to Wingtip Wood (off Benenden Road) are: 51.091622, 0.630055

To find the wood follow the instructions below.

• From Ashford head south on the A28 for approx. 8 miles into Betherseden. In Bethersden take a right turn onto Bull Lane to Pot Kiln Lane. After 2 miles take a right onto High Halden Rd. After approx. 2 miles take a left turn onto the A262 Tenterden Road continuing straight over at the roundabout onto the Benenden Road. After approx. 1 mile go straight over the crossroads with Cranbrook Road (take care here – this is a known accident blackspot). A short distance up the road you will see Youngs Timber Merchants on the left-hand side of the road. Continue on approx. 160m and you will see woodlands for sale signs by the entrance on your left-hand side. (Please note there are other woods available with woodlands.co.uk opposite the timber yard).

OR

• From Tunbridge Wells head south approx. 5 miles on the A21 turning left at roundabout onto the A262 to Goudhurst. Stay on the A262 into Sissinghurst and take the right turn opposite The Milk House onto Chapel Lane followed shortly by a left turn in Golford onto the Cranbrook Road. After approx. 3.5 miles you will come to a crossroads (take care here – this is a known accident blackspot). Take a right-turn onto the Benenden Road. A short distance up the road you will see Youngs Timber Merchants on the left-hand side of the road. Continue on approx. 160m and you will see woodlands for sale signs by the entrance on your left-hand side. (Please note there are other woods available with woodlands.co.uk opposite the timber yard).

Once you arrive at the gate:

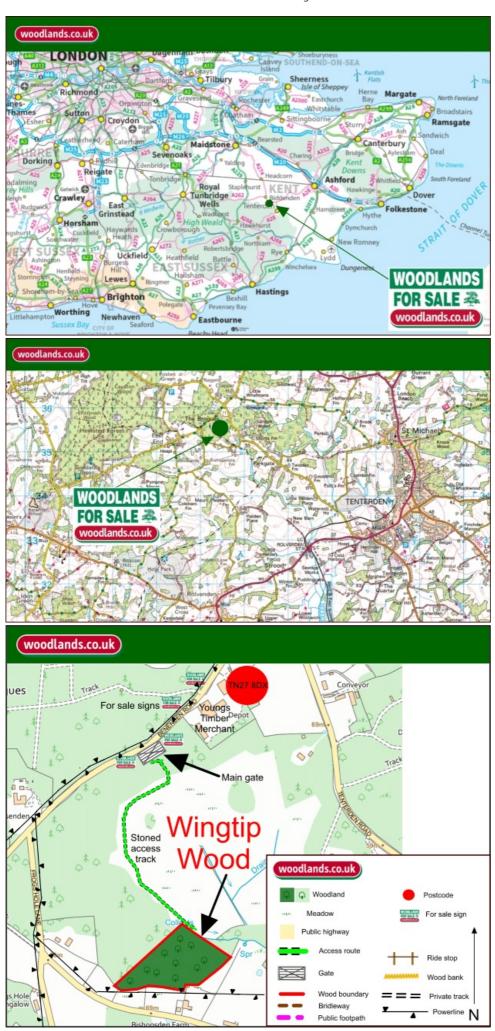
- For parking, there are a couple of options either park on the concrete in front of Youngs Timber Yard making sure you are not blocking the entrance / door or anyone in (we have an agreement with the yard to park here to view the wood). Then walk carefully along the edge of the road (approx. 160m) on the left-hand side down to the gate entrance to the woods.

 Alternatively contact Ruth Feltham to arrange access.
- Walk through the trees on the stoned track approx. 100 meters out onto the open edge of the meadow. Follow the stoned track round to the right for approx. 400 meters and the ride stop entrance to Wingtip Wood is on the right-hand side with its boundaries marked in RED.

• Sat Nav note: The post code TN27 8DX is for the point shown on the location map by the red dot.	

Boundaries:

The boundaries of the wood are indicated with $\ensuremath{\textbf{RED}}$ markings.





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 <u>Small Woodland Owners Group</u> and the <u>Royal Forestry Society</u>, 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.