



Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey® mapping by permission of Ordnance Survey® on behalf of The Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. © Crown Copyright. Licence number AL 100020327

### **Bra43. Shalford Park/Levelly Wood (12.9 ha) TL 719286**

This large ancient wood comprises a good mix of stand types. To the south, Levelly Wood and Will's Alley have a canopy dominated by coppiced Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), whilst the mid section of the wood has a canopy of Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards with Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) in the scrub layer. The north section comprises open, storm damaged woodland of Sycamore and Oak on the sandy well drained soil with Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) in the poorly drained stream valley to the west. The varied ground flora typically includes Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) on the sandy soil to the north with Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg), Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) and Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) being typical of the ground flora elsewhere. The wet streamside areas support some of the more interesting species including Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Wood Sedge (*Carex sylvatica*), Early-purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula*) and the rarer Alternate-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium alternifolium*).

**Selection Criteria:** HCr1(a), SCr13