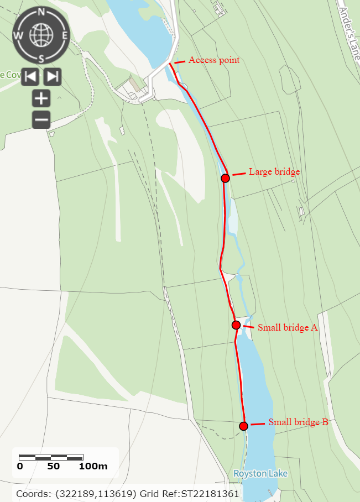
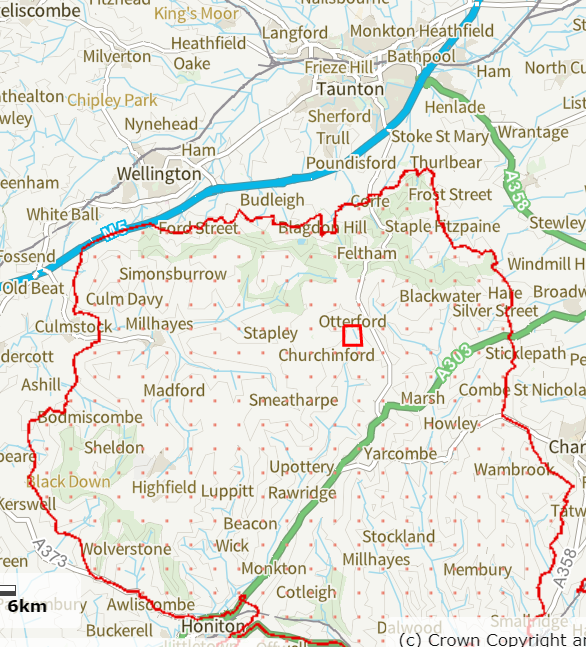
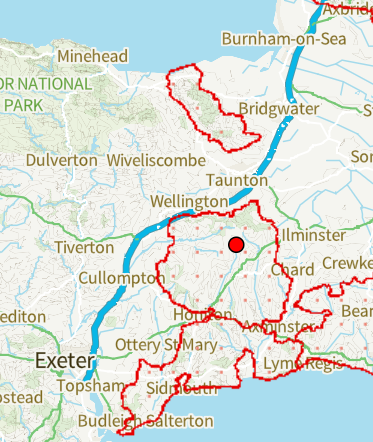
**BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB**

**FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES 2022/23**

**OTTERHEAD LAKES – NATURE TRAIL RESTORATION**



**Location within Blackdown Hills AONB, and trail plan at Otterhead Lakes Local Nature Reserve**

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**Small footbridge before and after replacement**

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**Lake-side track before and after re-surfacing**

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**Royston Lake footbridge before and after replacement**

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**Sections of the main trail before (above) and after (below) re-surfacing**

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**Left - First vegetation and ditch clearance in progress; Right – chestnut pole bridge used for plant to cross river channel**

**A dirt road in the woods

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**Left – ditch reinstatement in progress; Right – stoning in progress**

**A dirt path next to a river

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**Lakeside trail section before and after re-surfacing**

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**Riverside sleeper edging before and during replacement**

A dirt path in the woods

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**Completed new trail prior to re-opening**