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# Cothercott

## Heritage Site

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The main feature here is the old baryte mine at Cothercott, which was working from 1910 to 1928. The mineral had a variety of uses, from food to textiles and paint. The old mine workings have left behind relics like old burr stones that can still be seen today, most within a short walk of the main car park.

The hillside is made of adits and spoil heaps from the mining days, but nature has reclaimed and there are various pockets of scrub that attract a good number of birds, insects and wild flowers. A range of waxcap fungi species can be found in the grassland in Autumn. Curlew surveys have found breeding pairs in this area in the past, you may be lucky to hear their haunting call in the late spring and early summer months as they return to the upland to nest.

A short distance from Pulverbatch, the land around Cothercott is primarily pastureland, and there are plenty of footpaths that link it to other local wildlife spots.

**Location:** South of Pulverbatch

**Size:** 60 acres

**Parking:** 3 cars

**Accessibility:** ☆☆☆
Steep grass track, uneven ground

**Likely to see:**
Brown Hare, Red Kite, Heath Bumblebee



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