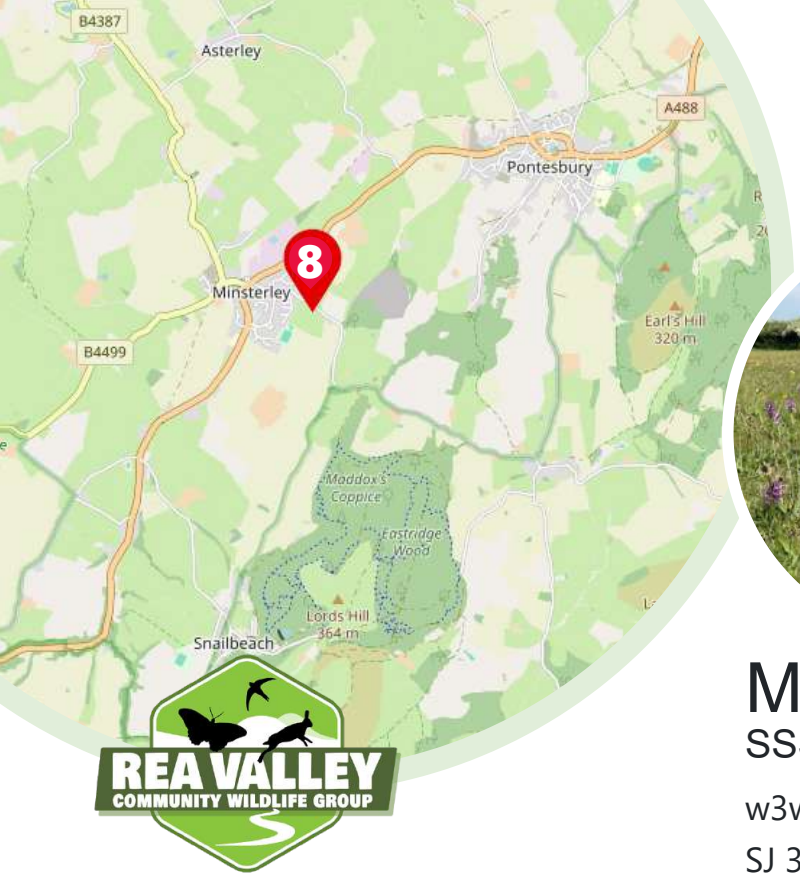




Minsterley Meadows
SSSI

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Minsterley Meadows SSSI is a 5.45 hectare hay meadow located in the village of Minsterley. Owned by The Middle Marches Community Land Trust and open to all. Two meadows named May Piece and Alderley Leasow on the 1836 Tithe map represent a chance to see and experience how hay meadows would have looked in the past. Pause a while at the log bench and enjoy the rich tapestry of flowers on a summer's day, rich in insects and birds in the the thick hedgerows that surround and divide the two fields.

The most notable feature of the meadows are the approx 5000 Green-Winged Orchids that flower in April-May. This the only site left in the West Midlands where such a profusion of these orchids can still be seen. Other ancient grassland plants are also present such as Moonwort.

In Autumn Waxcap and other grassland fungi appear and are worth a visit to hunt them out. The Ariel ropeway (constructed in 1918), that took ore from The Bog mine to the barytes mill at Malehurst passed through the meadows, A concrete base of one of the pylons can be seen near the log bench.

It is possible to walk to Poles Coppice and Eastridge Woods from the meadows to make a longerwalk.

Location:
Callow Lane, Minsterley

Size:
14 acres

Parking:
limited but not usually a problem

Accessibility: ☆☆☆☆☆
Easy walking with two log benches

Likely to see:
Green-Winged Orchids, Moonwort

