

**AREA 15: NORTH AND SOUTH CUBBINGTON WOODS 1/36,
THE RUNGHILLS 42/36 and WORNOUKS WOOD (PARISH OF CUBBINGTON).**

Sources of information are:

- 1. Ecosite notes (HBA)*
- 3. Local Record Office 2017/8*

ECOLOGY (source 1)

Wornouks Wood: part of Weston Wood ecosite.

North Cubbington Wood: mixed ancient woodland and plantations with impeded drainage. Derelict coppice area with ash standards, some birch and oak.

South Cubbington Wood: in north, ancient semi-natural mixed woodland, oak and ash, understorey of hazel. In south, trees are younger with aspen, birch, elm too. Monterrey cypress planted throughout. Records include wild service tree 2000; 1 pr. nightingale 1980; purple hairstreak and white admiral 1986. The Cubbington pear believed to be over 250 years old, stands at the top of a hill near South Cubbington Wood. It is thought to be the largest wild pear tree in Warwickshire and the second largest in the United Kingdom. The tree sits on the proposed phase 1 route of the proposed new HS2 railway line from London to Birmingham and could be lost if or when construction gets underway.

Runghills: an 80 yr. old ash plantation on ridge and furrow (shows on LIDAR) with some derelict hazel coppice.

HISTORY

Wornouks Wood: the name does not appear on the Cubbington Award of 1768 but it is shown as the north part of an enclosure (Elizabeth Wise) so it is not ancient. The area is not marked as a wood.

North Cubbington Wood: In the Award of 1768 it was Shortley Wood in north and Horse Grove in south (Eliz Wise). **Tiny piece of wood between North Cubbington Wood and Weston Wood** (Eliz Wise) is now part of New Cubbington Wood making it a bit larger than it was.

South Cubbington Wood: shown in the Award of 1768 as 'Woods ' in the north and Foot Grove in south = Wood of Elizabeth Wise

The two woods are shown on the Award map separated by a track so they have always been separate, now by the 4453 road,

The Wood: (3 acres) listed as IN HAND in 1771 Leigh Estates, meaning part of the Leigh 'homeground, not apportioned to tenants. **NEED TO FIND IN STONELEIGH ESTATES RECORDS**

Runghills: an ordinary enclosure in the Award of 1766 but woodland by 1955. 200m east of The Runghills is the site of an undated ford on the R Leam marked on the Ordnance Survey map of 1887. A bridge to Ford Farm now spans the site.