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Salford Footpaths Wildlife Habitat Survey Community Week, June 2013



All Routes Report



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As part of the Scout Community Week (3-9 June 2013) the 1st Saltford Scout Group and Argus Explorer Unit joined together with SEG to map and survey the local footpaths around the village. The information that they gathered will be used by SEG and each section (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers) to plan future conservation work.

During the week each section was given one footpath to investigate. This involved using traditional scouting skills such as map reading and navigation but also looking out for various flora and fauna. Each section surveyed their path by taking photos and making notes of the quality of the field boundaries. This involved looking out for rare plants such as the Bath Asparagus and also for invasive plants such as the Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed. The Group used their newly donated GPSs to pinpoint important features such as ancient trees, as well as the younger members of the Group getting actively involved in bug hunting.

The Group were joined on their walks by members of SEG to help with the identification and were also blessed with lovely weather that helped them appreciate the diverse environment that surrounds the village. The Group were also rewarded for their hard work by the kind donation of £100 vouchers from B&Q which they will put to good use as they build the new entrance extension to the scout hut.

The longer term plan is to map all of Saltford's wildlife habitats and thereafter use this information to help prioritise habitat restoration projects.









The findings for each Section are recorded in this short report.

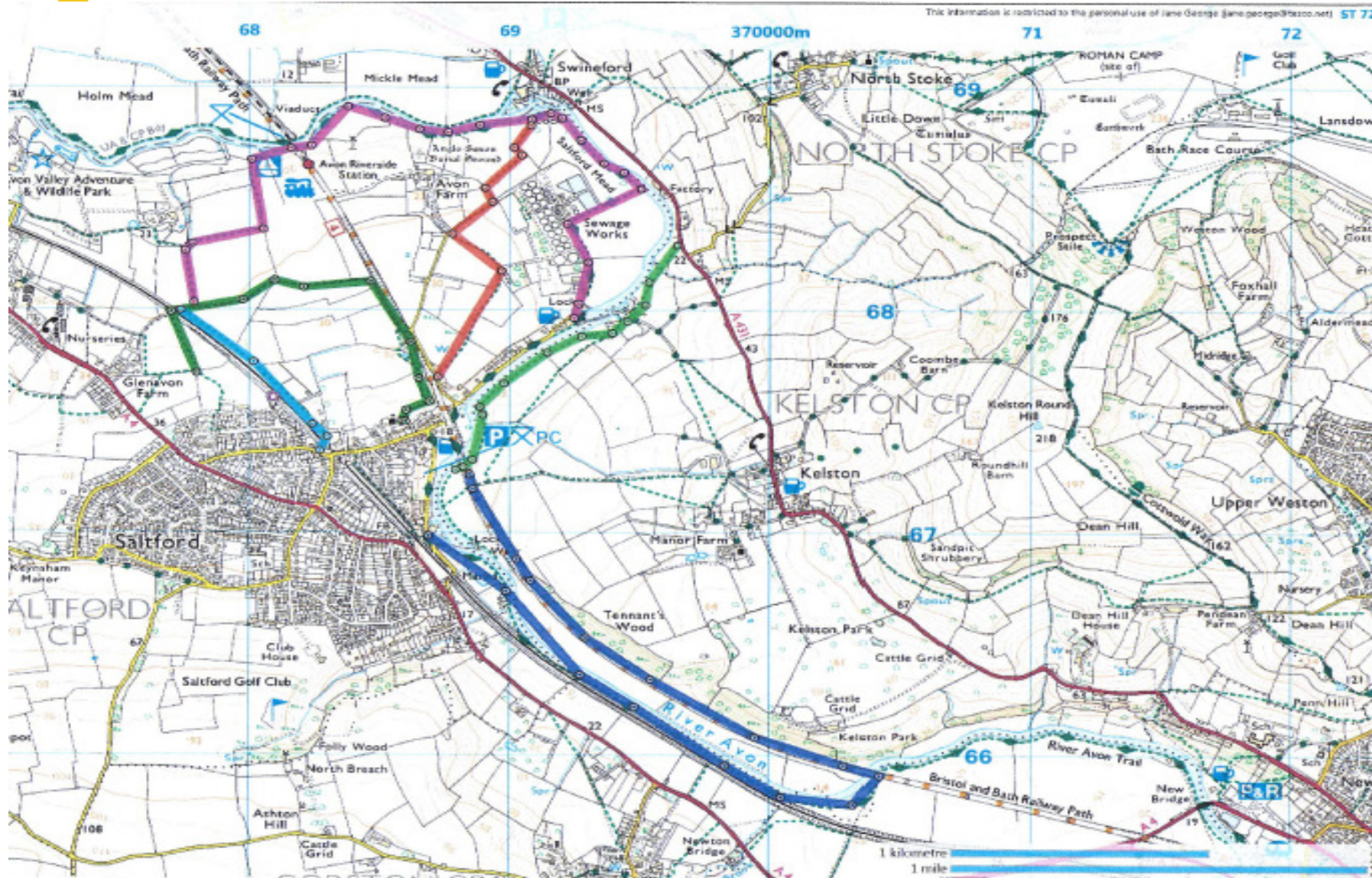


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Key

- Beavers 
- Cubs Route 1 
- Tigers 
- Cubs Route 2 
- Wolves 
- Scouts Route 1 
- Scouts Route 2 
- Explorers 



Key

Field boundaries Good hedge Hedge with Gaps Fence

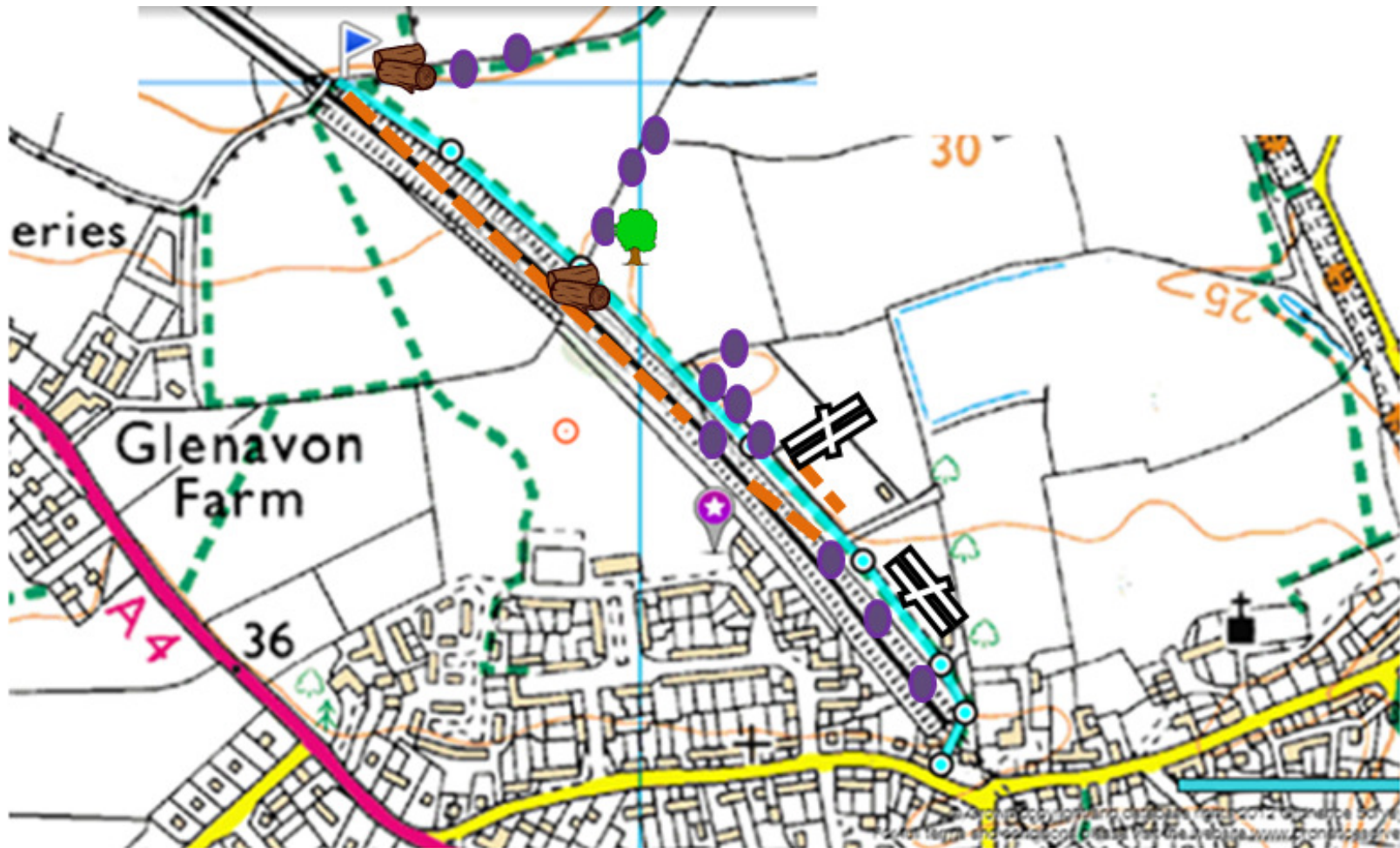
Rare Plants Invasive Plants

Microhabitats

Ancient Trees Dead trees Ponds

Ant hills Badger sets lots of flowers

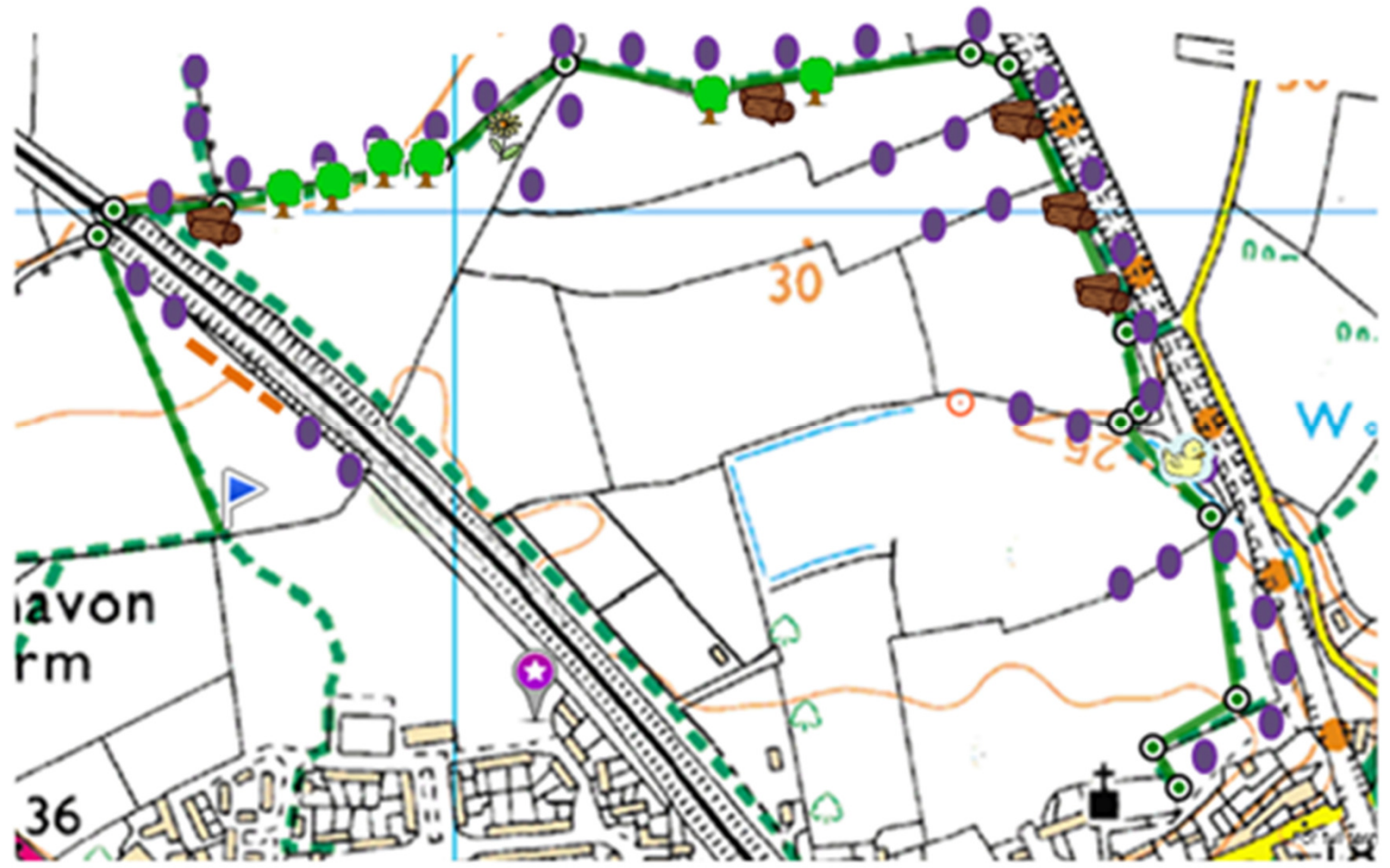
Results - Beavers Route



Key

- Field boundaries
- Good hedge (purple dot)
- Hedge with Gaps (orange dashed line)
- Fence (black and white symbol)
- Rare Plants (yellow smiley face)
- Invasive Plants (red flag)
- Microhabitats
- Ancient Trees (green tree icon)
- Dead trees (brown tree icon)
- Ponds (blue duck icon)
- Ant hills (black ant icon)
- Badger sets (black and white symbol)
- lots of flowers (yellow flower icon)

Results - Cubs Route 1 Tigers



Results - Cubs Route 2 Wolves

Key

Field boundaries	Good hedge	Hedge with Gaps	Fence
Rare Plants	Invasive Plants		
Microhabitats			
Ancient Trees	Dead trees	Ponds	
Ant hills	Badger sets	lots of flowers	



Grass cut short no insects

Long grass lots of insects

Himalayan Balsam

Key

Field boundaries Good hedge Hedge with Gaps Fence

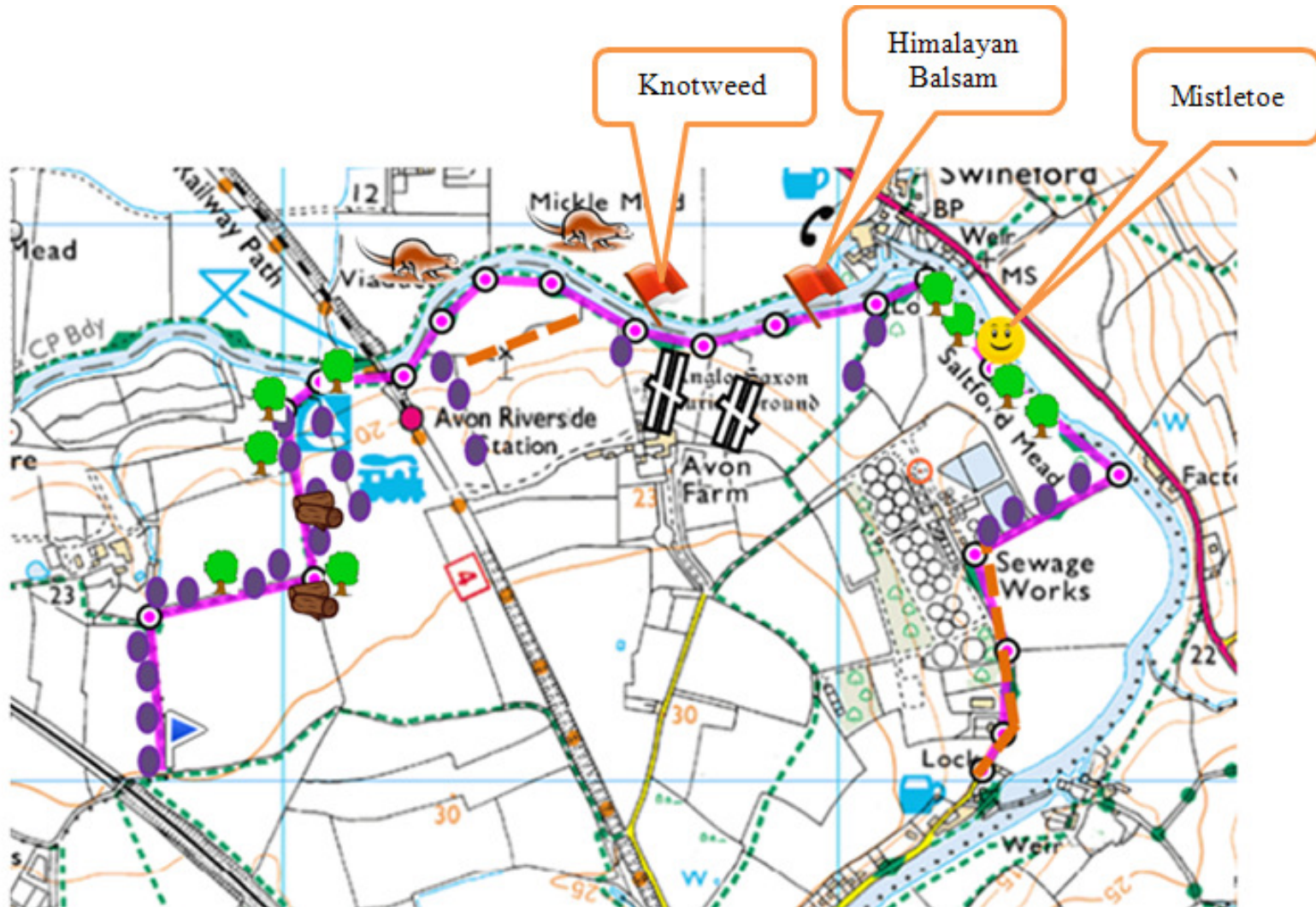
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Ancient Trees Dead trees Ponds

Ant hills Badger sets Possible Otter slide

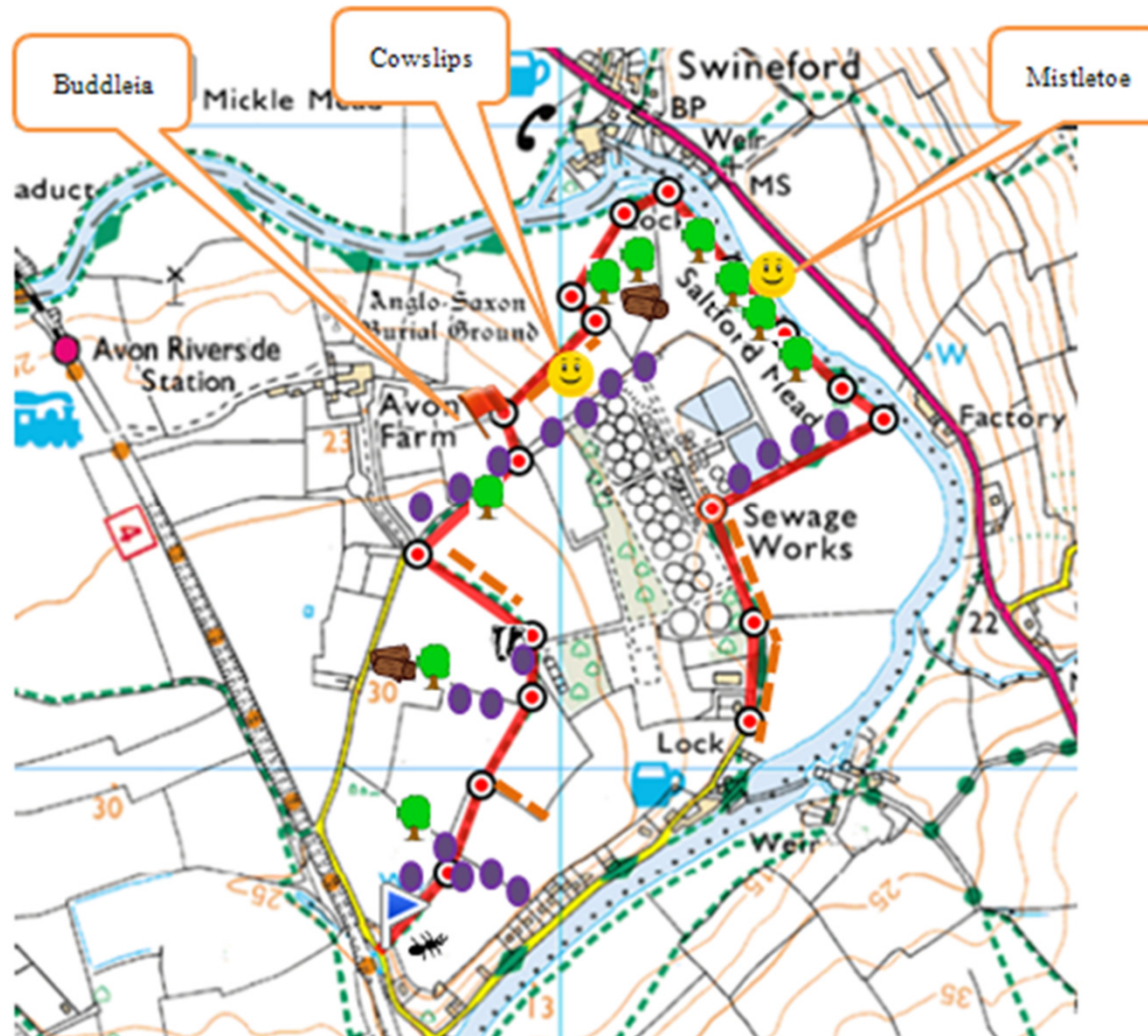
Results - Scouts Route 1



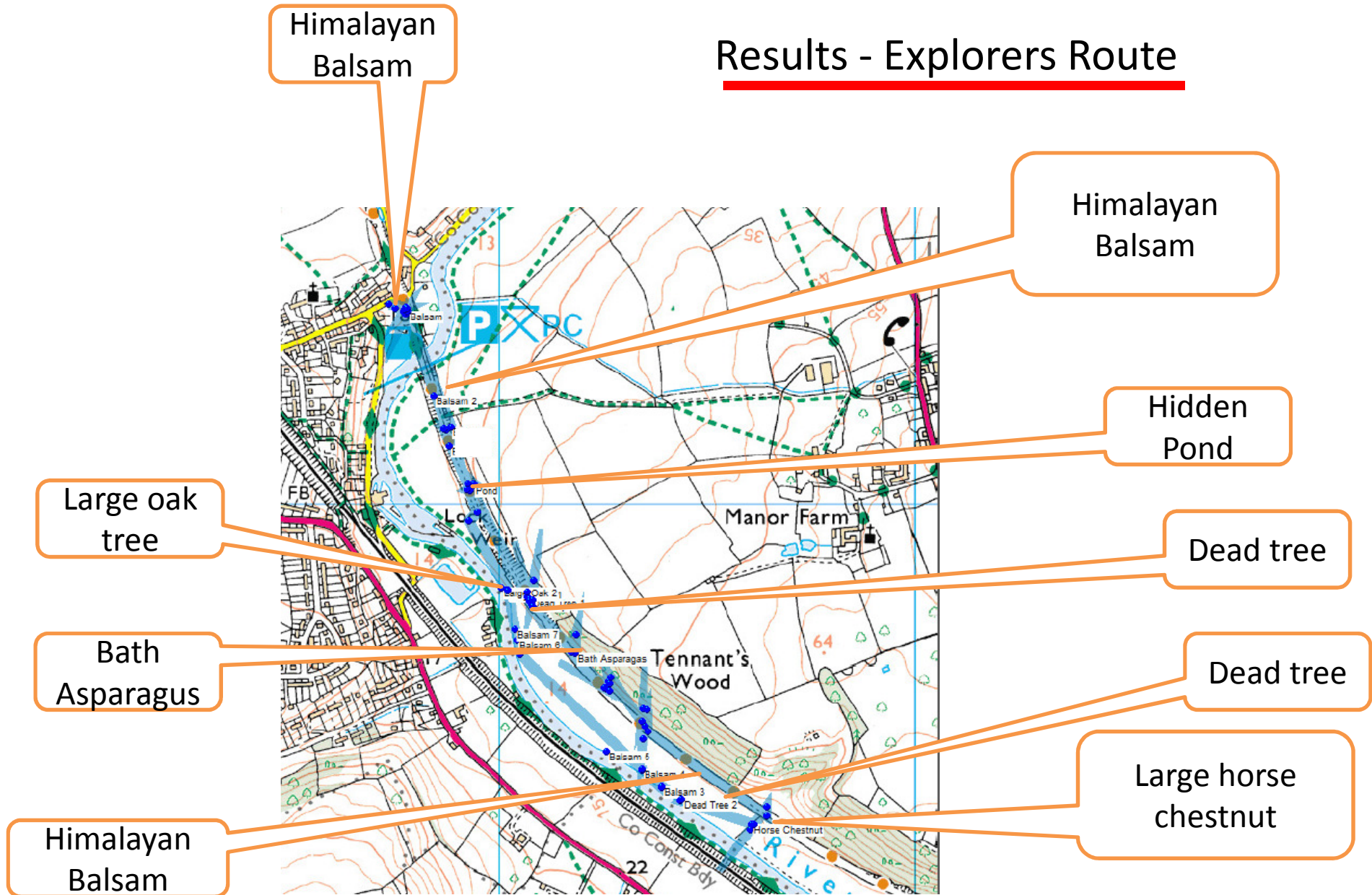
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Results - Scouts Route 2



Results - Explorers Route



Note. Two badger setts were observed on this route but are not highlighted on this map

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