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Henricks Wood

Norfolk

A level and secluded woodland with good access, surrounded by areas of privately owned woodland, offering privacy, tranquillity and a strong sense of seclusion.

Details

Price: £69,000 Freehold
Location: Riddlesworth, Thetford, Norfolk
Size: About 3 ¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 144
Grid ref: TL 948 812
Nearest post code: IP22 2TE

Local manager

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Description

Nestled in the quiet countryside near Thetford, Riddlesworth lies in a landscape long known for its forests, open heath, and abundant wildlife. Close to the great woodland belt of Thetford Forest, this area has been shaped by trees and nature for centuries, offering a tranquil setting that feels far removed from the pace of modern life.

The parish of Riddlesworth has a history stretching back to the Domesday Book, when it was recorded as a small rural settlement surrounded by farmland, heath, and woodland. Over the centuries the countryside here has remained largely unspoilt, with quiet lanes, scattered farms, and natural woodland creating a landscape rich in character.

Today, the woodland around Riddlesworth is a haven for wildlife and a sanctuary for those seeking peace and privacy. Mature pine trees form a beautiful natural canopy, filling the air with the scent of resin and the gentle sound of wind through the branches. The forest floor changes with the seasons, from carpets of moss and ferns to autumn colours and wildlife tracks.

This part of Norfolk is renowned for its natural environment. Deer, hares, owls, woodpeckers and a wide variety of birds are commonly seen among the trees, while the surrounding countryside provides excellent habitat for butterflies and other native species. The combination of pine woodland and open rural landscape creates a rich ecosystem that is increasingly rare in modern Britain.

Owning a piece of woodland here offers more than just land—it provides a quiet escape. Whether used for peaceful walks, wildlife watching, conservation, or simply enjoying the calm of the forest, woodland in this area offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with nature.

Henricks Wood combines historic Norfolk countryside with the beauty of mature pine forest, creating a truly special place where nature, tranquillity, and wildlife thrive.

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a covenant to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Trees

Predominately Scots pine with a scattering of oak & silver birch.

Wildlife

Henricks Wood is predominantly a plantation of Scots pine, with a scattering of Oak and Silver birch throughout, creating a diverse habitat that is particularly rich in ecology and wildlife.

A bench has been thoughtfully positioned in an ideal spot for quietly observing deer as they drift through the woodland from neighbouring farmland. On the eastern side of the woodland, a large annual deer wallow can also be found, providing further evidence of the wildlife that regularly frequents the area.

Features

A level area of mature Scots pine with views over a private wild meadow. The trees are well spaced allowing easy access throughout the woodland. A bench can be found in a perfect place to observe deer and other wildlife.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Access from the main gate is via a well-maintained stoned track suitable for most family vehicles.

Once on this track, you quickly leave the hustle and bustle of modern life behind as the route passes through other areas of privately owned woodland, creating a peaceful and secluded approach.

Full vehicular rights of way to Henricks Wood will be provided.

The woodland itself is entirely private and benefits from having no public footpaths, ensuring a quiet and undisturbed environment for the owner to enjoy.

Rights and covenants

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Activities

Henricks Wood provides the opportunity for a new owner to engage in family forestry. Managing a woodland and learning bushcraft skills is a great way to escape modern life. Camping or building wildlife hides and all sorts of other outdoor activities can be done here.

The nearby town of Thetford has an excellent variety of shops and a number of pubs are within cycling distance. For the more adventurous there is a wild swimming area just to the south of the woodland on the Little Ouse River.

Local area and history

Riddlesworth is a small and historic parish in south-west Norfolk, situated a few miles east of Thetford and close to the border with Suffolk . Though modest in size, the village has a long history shaped by agriculture, country estates, and the surrounding woodland landscape that gives the area much of its quiet charm today.

The settlement is recorded in the great survey of Norman England, the Domesday book of 1086, where it appears under an early form of its name meaning “the ford among the reeds.” In medieval times the parish was part of the agricultural heartland of south Norfolk, with scattered farmsteads and fields set among patches of woodland and heath.

At the centre of the Saint Peters Church Riddlesworth a small but historic church with origins in the thirteenth century. For centuries it served the farming families and estate workers who lived in the area. Surrounded by trees and open countryside, the churchyard today reflects the peaceful rural character that has long defined Riddlesworth.

The history of the parish became closely linked with the local manor when the estate passed to Sir Drue Drury in the sixteenth century. Later owners developed the estate further, and in 1792 the elegant Georgian mansion Riddlesworth Hall was built. Set within parkland and mature woodland, the hall became the focal point of village life and helped shape the surrounding landscape of trees, drives, and farmland.

During the twentieth century the hall took on new roles. After the Second World War parts of the estate were used to house Polish soldiers who had fought with the Allies, before the building later became a well-known preparatory school. Despite these changes, the wider parish remained small and largely rural.

Today Riddlesworth retains the atmosphere of a secluded countryside parish. Quiet lanes, farmland, and belts of woodland surround the old hall and church, creating a landscape that feels both historic and tranquil. For visitors and residents alike, the wooded setting and long rural history give Riddlesworth a distinctive sense of place within the Norfolk countryside.

How to find this woodland

You are welcome to visit this wood by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our woodlands do not have mobile phone reception or internet access so we recommend either printing the details or downloading them to your phone/tablet/laptop.

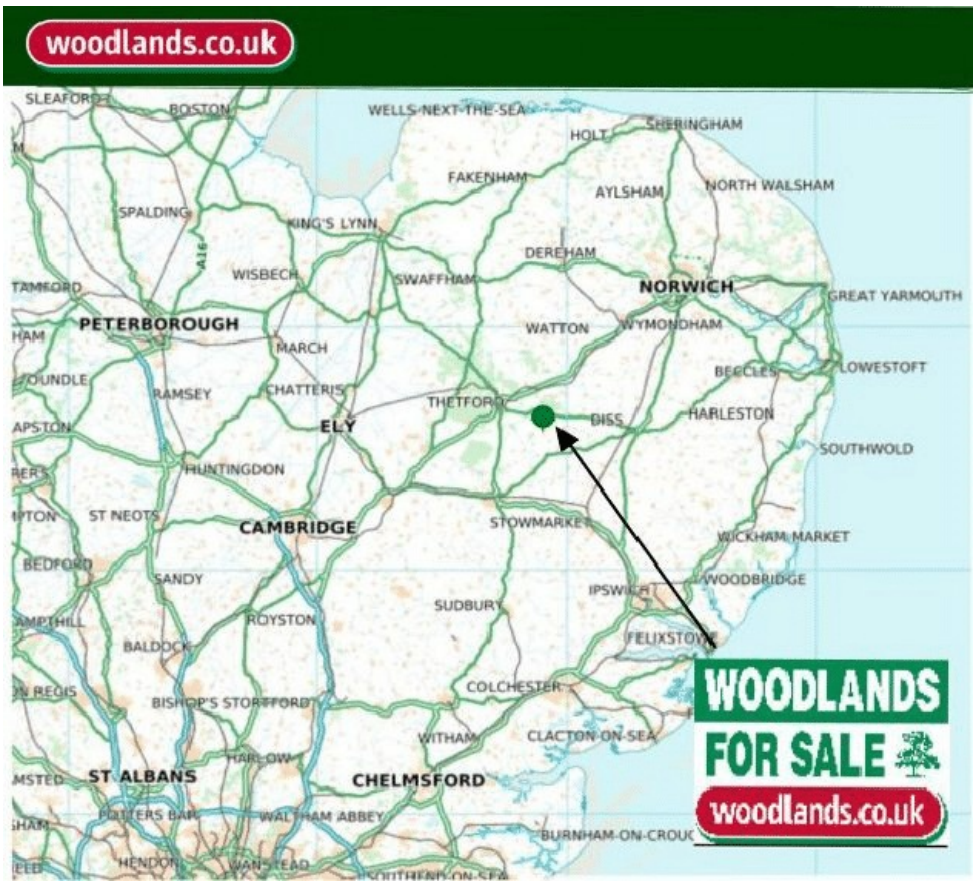
Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

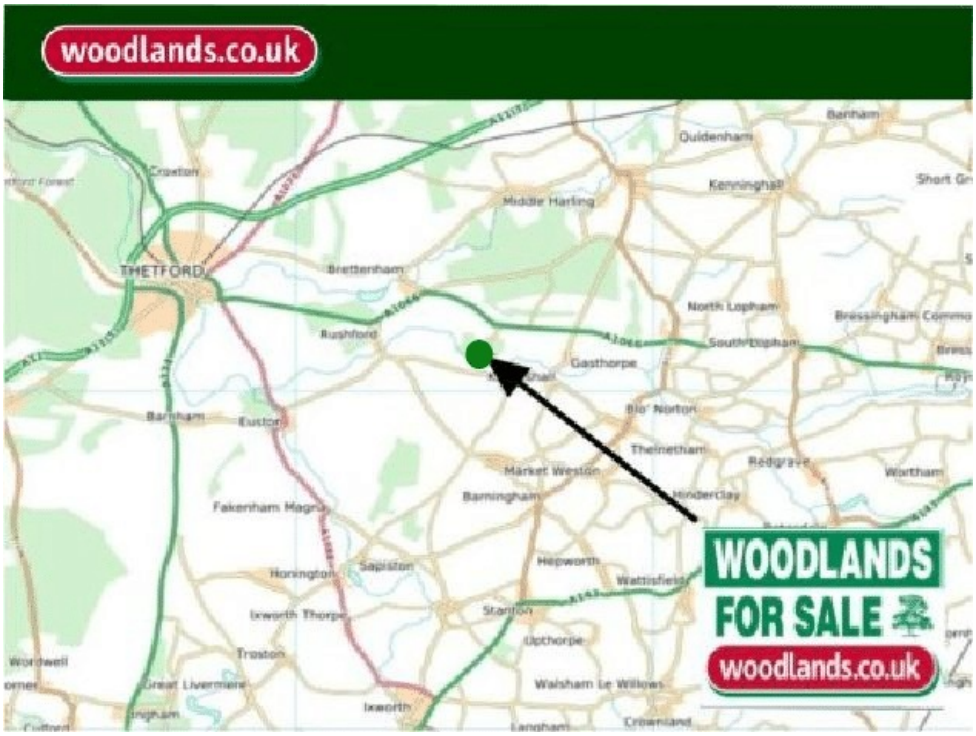
Directions

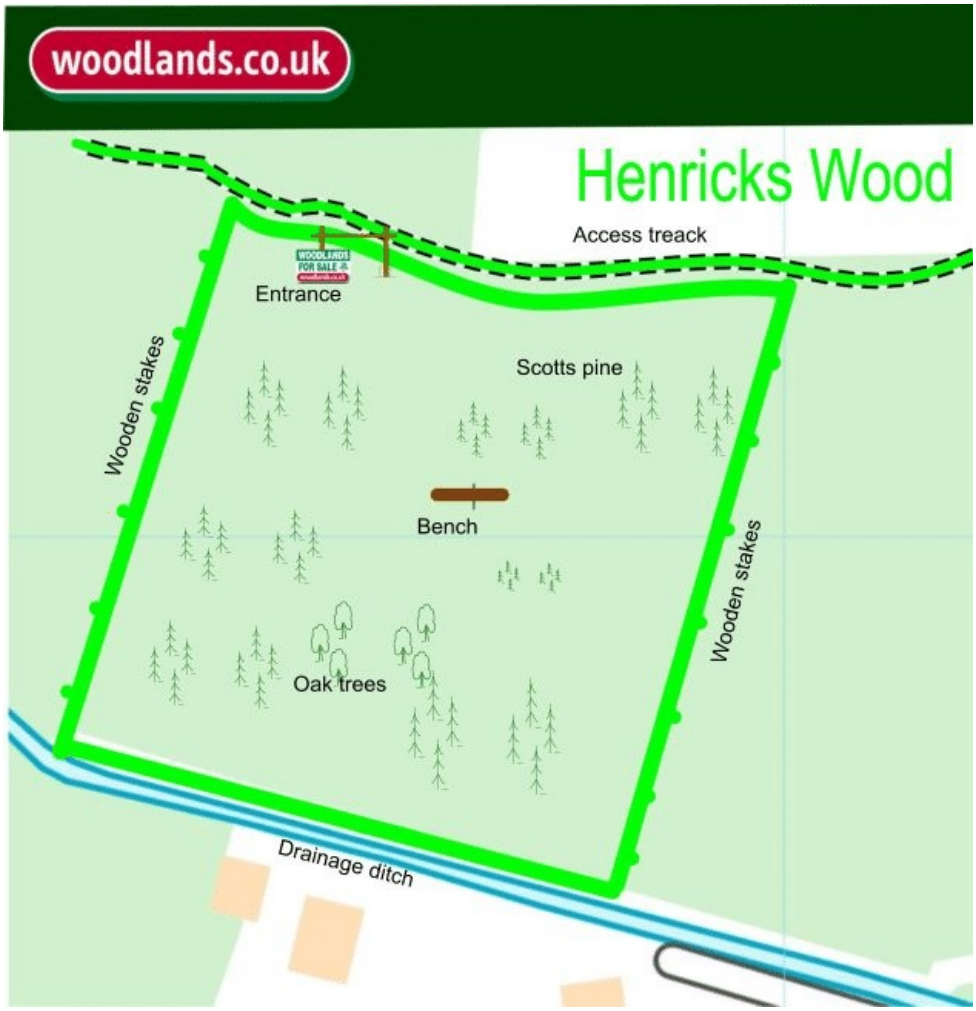
- Leaving Thetford take the A1066 heading east towards Diss.
- After approximately 4 miles there is a small industrial estate on the left.
- After approx. 500m take the next turning on the right at a small wooded triangle onto a single track road signed Coney Weston and Knettishall Heath.
- Follow this road for approximately ½ mile
- You will come to a straight road with woods on both sides and a Woodlands.co.uk sign on the right.
- You will pass a small memorial on the right and after 200 metres turn right into a stone track.
- After 100 metres you will see a parking area and a metal gate on your right. Park to one side of the gate making sure it is not blocked.
- Walk around the side of the gate and follow the track in front of you.
- After a couple of hundred metres turn left and follow the track through the wood, past the edge of a meadow, then past an old pond and after another 50 metres and the wood entrance is on your left.
- The What 3 words for the wood metal gate are ///urgent.tributes.unable
- Nearest postcode IP22 2TE

Boundaries:

The indicative boundary markers of Henricks Wood are as follows, North boundary is the edge of access track, South boundary is a drainage ditch just on the outside of a fence. East & West are indicated by a row of painted wooden stakes.







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Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

All woodlands are sold at a fixed price, and include free membership of the Small Woodland Owners Group and the Royal Forestry Society, as well as £300 towards paying for a course (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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