

## 36 Crabtree Pond and Wood



## Site details

### Site name

Crabtree Pond and Wood

### Size

1.81 ha

## History and Geology

### Geology

The solid geology of the site lies within the Lower Coal Measures of the Upper Carboniferous period and is characterised by alternating mudstones and flaggy sandstones.

### History

Crabtree Pond and Woods are first shown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey 25" map (1905). The site of the pond and wood is previously shown as part of *Pits Moore Common* on Harrison's map of Southall Soake (1637). It remained largely unchanged until the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey 25" map (1905) when the pond and an area of woodland were established in the grounds of Crabtree Lodge. Crabtree Lodge, immediately to the south-west of the site, was built in the mid nineteenth century and was enlarged between 1848 and 1864 [66]. It was demolished in 1946 and Norwood Elderly People's Home was built on the site of the lodge. Crabtree Pond and Woods were acquired by Sheffield City Council in 1973. Subsequently, Sheffield City Wildlife Group took over the management of the site in 1989 with the aim of creating an urban nature reserve.

### Recommendations

Crabtree Pond and Woods have little archaeological or historical significance. The site was formerly common land and was ultimately subsumed into the complex of residential property that proliferated in the area during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although no significant archaeological or historical features were identified at the site, archaeological survey of similar sites nearby has identified extensive evidence of past human activity. A walkover survey of the area of woodland confined to the steep slopes at the northern extent of the site may yield further evidence of such activity.