

# Glossary

<b>Analogue</b>	a continuously variable electrical signal that cannot be read by a computer
<b>Ancient woodland</b>	woodland over 400 years old
<b>Arable land</b>	land used for growing crops
<b>Archaeology</b>	study of the past, often discovered by excavation (digging)
<b>Carrion</b>	the dead flesh of any animal
<b>Conservation</b>	making sure our natural <i>environment</i> survives, recovers, and is used responsibly
<b>Coppicing</b>	regularly cutting trees down to ground level, from which they re-sprout and produce lots of poles of an even size
<b>Cultivate</b>	to prepare ground for crops
<b>Digitise</b>	change the signal into a form that can be read and processed by a computer
<b>Diversity</b>	variety
<b>Environment</b>	the surrounding area which influences the development or growth of people, animals or plants
<b>Escarpment</b>	a steep hill caused by rocks wearing away
<b>Game bird</b>	a bird hunted for sport eg pheasant, partridge
<b>Habitat</b>	the place where an animal or plant lives
<b>Hectare</b>	10,000 square metres; approximately the size of two football pitches
<b>Indicator</b>	a species that is quick to show changes that may be affecting many species
<b>Invertebrate</b>	animal without a backbone
<b>Kitnor</b>	the old English word for a slope or hill where kites are seen
<b>Medieval</b>	the Middle Ages – this can mean any time between about 500 AD and the beginning of the Tudor period in 1485
<b>Milvus milvus</b>	the scientific name for the red kite
<b>Origin</b>	the beginning, the source
<b>Pasture</b>	land used for the grazing of animals such as sheep and cattle
<b>Persecute</b>	to hunt down, or put to death
<b>Plumage</b>	the feathers and colouring of birds
<b>Population</b>	the number of plants, animals or people in a given area
<b>Scrub</b>	stunted trees and shrubs
<b>Scavenge</b>	to search for dead animals or things that have been thrown away
<b>Server</b>	allows many different computer users access to centrally stored information
<b>Understorey</b>	shrubby vegetation growing under the trees in woodlands
<b>Verge</b>	border eg between road and land
<b>Vermin</b>	troublesome animals and insects, eg fleas, lice, mice, rats
<b>Wingspan</b>	measurement from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other
<b>Yield</b>	the amount produced or obtained