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> We are so pleased that the site of LGS9, The Old Railway Line, is included in Eynsham's Neighbourhood Plan so that we can go on enjoying this special and unusual piece of land.

> Back in 1994 we managed after many years of hard work and public funding to convert what had been a permissive path along the old railway line into a proper public footpath which is now part of a flourishing circular walk.

> In 2001 the Eynsham Society surveyed the 283 metre length of the line with the help of the Wychwood Project and found the area was exceptionally rich in wild flowers (a walk with them along the Wychwood Way noted for its wild flowers showed us that our bit of land was richer!). It is a breeding area for the beautiful Six Spot Burnet Moth, which is seen lazily flying amongst the Scabious every June and July. This daytime moth is a feature on the special soil of Stonesfield Common, a designated SSSI and the Chilterns. Craig Blackwell the County Ecologist came to look at our site to see if it would make the grade for an SSSI but he said while it had great merit it was too small to qualify. Nonetheless, we should take great care to preserve it as a rare habitat.

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> Sue Chapman, [redacted]



