

LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITES

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT



ChG10 Scrubs Wood Nature Reserve, Danbury

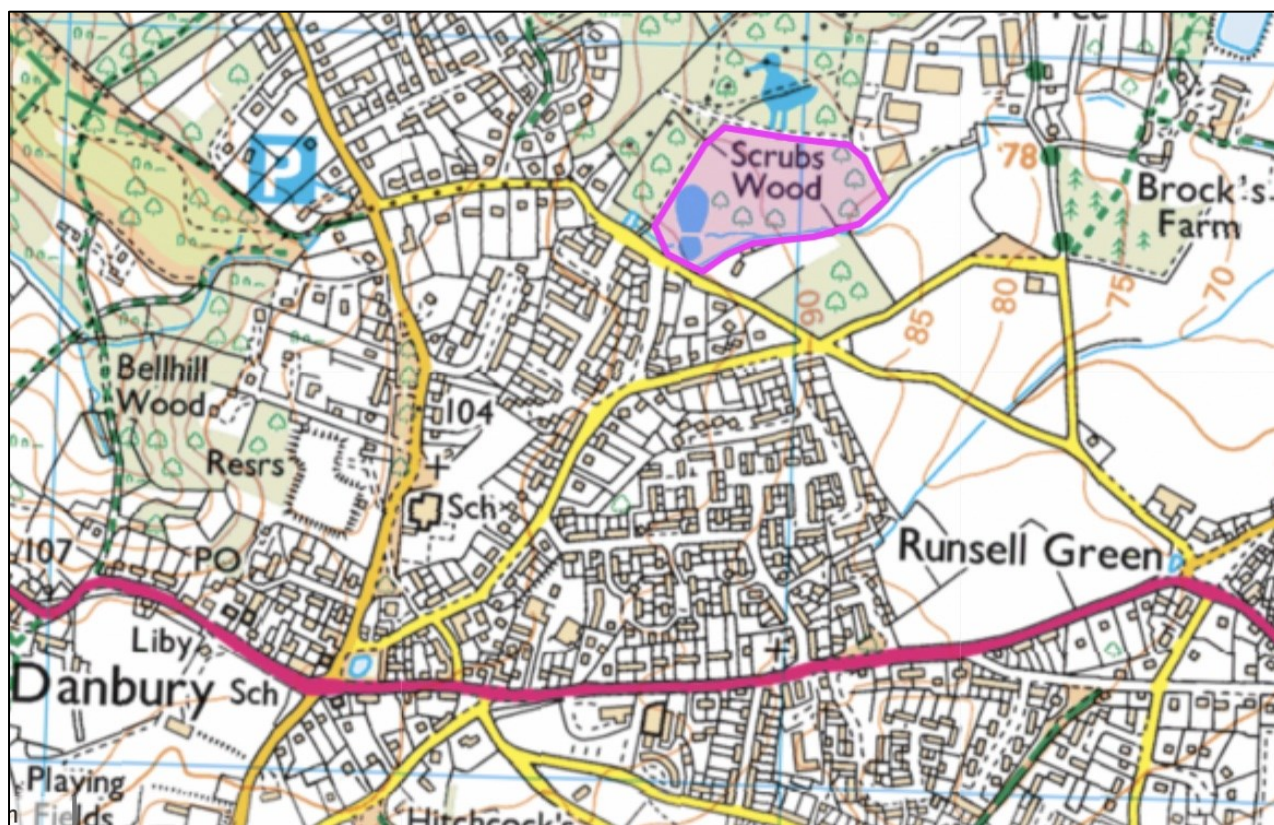
Site location: Entered from the North of Runsell Lane, Danbury.

Grid Reference: TL 789058

Status: Part of the Danbury Ridge Nature Reserve, managed by Essex Wildlife Trust

Summary of the geological interest:

This site may have been a former gravel pit as the steep banks have plenty of gravel visible. The Danbury Gravel clearly dates from the Ice Age but its precise origin is still not clear, despite various investigations over the last 150 years. In 2017 the exposed gravel at Scrubs Wood contained abundant vein quartz and bunter quartzite pebbles. A ventifact (a wind-faceted stone) has been reported from here. Scrubs Wood is part of a biological SSSI known as Woodham Walter Common.



Site Assessment. Local Geological Sites (LoGS) in Essex are assessed using criteria based on DEFRA guidance. This site has been assessed and qualifies under these criteria. An assessment form is used which asks key questions under four value categories: scientific, educational, historical and aesthetic.



Scrubs Wood April 2018 Photo I Mercer



Close-up Scrubs Wood April 2018 Photo I Mercer