

Timeline of Putnoe Woods

Ancient Elm Woodland

The name in its present form has been around since the 16th Century, but was formerly known as 'Puttenhoe' and 'Putenho' indicating the spur or 'hoh' of land belonging to an unknown Anglo-Saxon settler Putta, hence 'Puttas-hoe'

1010 ?	Original Saxon Settler named PUTTA
1066 ?	Norman Conquest. Anschil De Asketill. Scandinavian Origin. Edward III (the Confessor - 1042 to 1066)
1087	Domesday Book. Hugh de Beauchamp. First Baron of Bedford.
1190	Putnoe Woods endowed to Cisterdan Abbey of Warden.
1224	Siege of Bedford Castle. Putnoe Woods devastated by the Royal Forces of Henry III.
1304	Compensation received by Warden Abbey up to this date for the ravaged woodland.
1537	Dissolution of monasteries ended Warden Abbeys ownership.
1539	Surrender of Warden Abby to Crown Estate passed to the Gostwick Family of Willington.
1731	Sold to Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough.
1774	Purchased for Francis, fifth Duke of Bedford.
1798	Charles Abbot's "Flora Bedfordiensis". First botanical records of Putnoe Woods.
1886	Sold piece meal.
1934	Goldington Village absorbed into Bedford and Putnoe Wood transferred to Ravensden.
1966	Boundary extensions brought the wood within Bedford Borough.
1971	Start of detailed eco-surveys printed in the Journal of The Bedfordshire Natural History by A W Guppy.
1972	Woods form part of Mowsbury Park
2011	Formation of Friends of Putnoe Woods and Mowsbury Hillfort. March 2011.

