Castle Acre

'Wildlife is All Around Us'

In 2021, the Parish Council was awarded a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a one-year project to discover more about the history and wildlife of Castle Acre.

The underlying chalk geology and the historic landscape provide habitats for wildlife and are rich in flora and fauna today.

Castle Acre's habitats and wildlife you might see.

HEDGES along the lanes and footpaths, dating from the medieval through to eighteenth century enclosure boundaries, provide nesting and song sites, food and shelter for a range of birds and habitat for plants and insects.

Blackcap, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Fieldfare, Redwing

Dog Rose, Hedge Woundwort, Wood Sage

Spindle Tree, Hazel

CHALK GRASSLAND is short turf rich in plant life and butterflies, day-flying moths and invertebrates.

Green Woodpecker

Hoary Mullein, Lady's Bedstraw, Lesser Calamint, Small Scabious

Common Lizard, Bush Cricket

Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Ringlet

THE MEDIEVAL FLINT WALLS of the castle, priory, church and other buildings are the ideal environment for ferns, lichens and mosses.

Biting Stonecrop, Hart's Tongue Fern, Ivy-leaved Toadflax, Pellitory of the Wall, Wall Rue

Solitary and Mining Bees

THE RIVER NAR CHALK STREAM AND ITS BANKS are a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with a mix of wet woodland, reedbed, watermeadows and unploughed commons. ploughed.

Egret, Grasshopper Warbler, Kingfisher, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler

Hemp Agrimony, Lesser Water Parsnip, Purple Loosestrife

Damselfly, Dragonfly, Mayfly

Water Vole

FARMLAND The landscape surrounding Castle Acre is intensively farmed and many farmers manage parts of their land to encourage wildlife.

Barn Owl, House Martin, Little Owl, Partridge, Pheasant, Skylark, Swallow, Swift, Tawny Owl
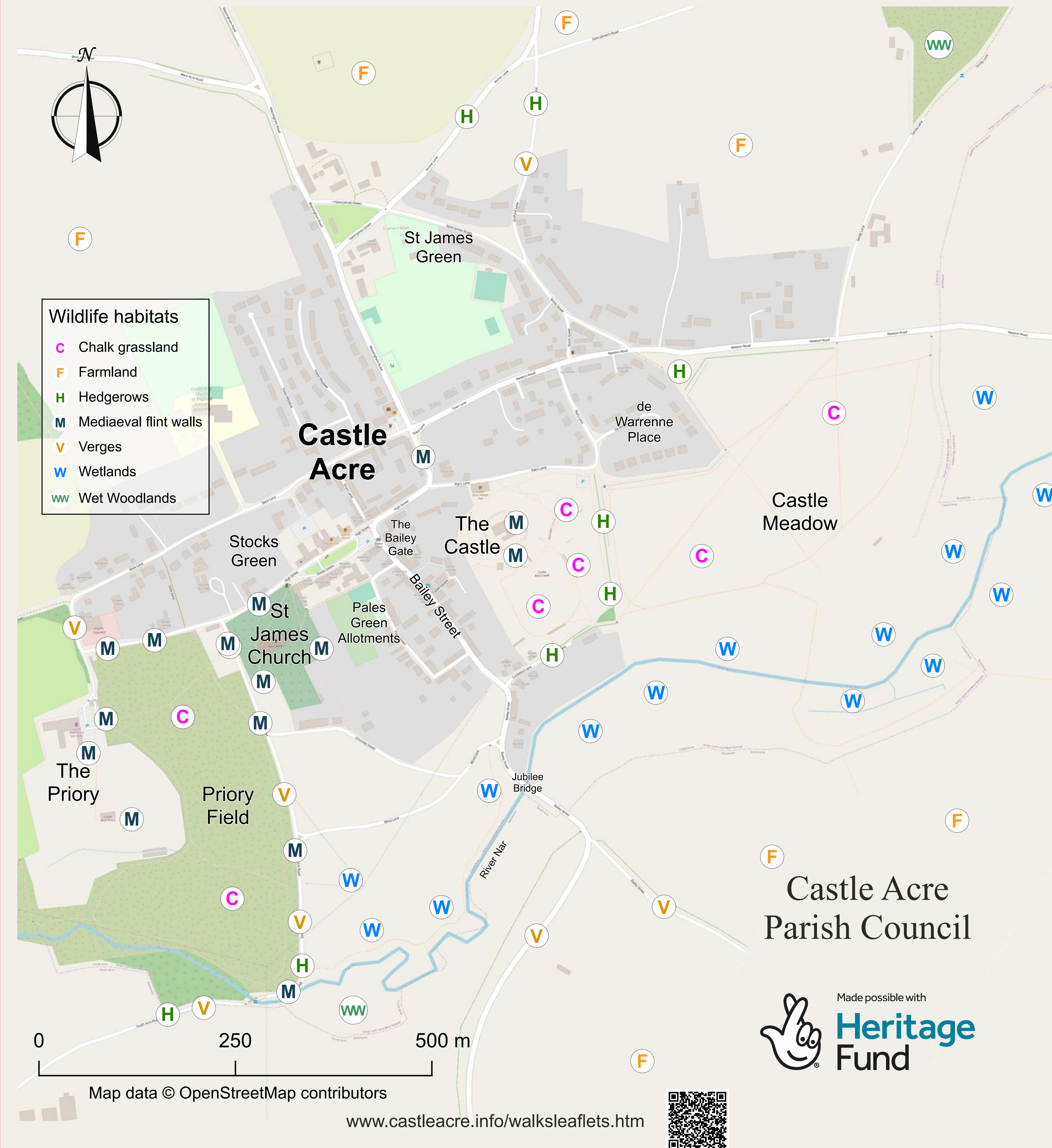
Hare, Fox

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https://butterfly-conservation.org
www.rspb.org.uk or https://www.bto.org/understanding-birds
https://mywildflowers.com or www.botanicalkeys.co.uk
https://www.first-nature.com/mammals/

Map

Wildlife habitats

- **C** Chalk grassland
- **F** Farmland
- **H** Hedgerows
- **M** Mediaeval flint walls
- **V** Verges
- **W** Wetlands
- **ww** Wet Woodlands

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St James Green
Stocks Green
The Bailey Gate
The Castle
St James Church
Pales Green Allotments
Bailey Street
de Warrenne Place
Castle Meadow
The Priory
Priory Field
Jubilee Bridge
River Nar

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