## **WELCOME TO HOULTON**



## Enjoy our Nature walk

There are over a mile of walkways and cycleways already created at Houlton, weaving through the land, play parks and homes.

These walkways contain 40 acres of natural habitat for our wildlife and are rich in ecological features including ponds, wildflowers and hibernacula. All the walkways link into our nature trail, taking you out into the open space of Normandy Hill with its historic rolling ridge and furrow landscape.



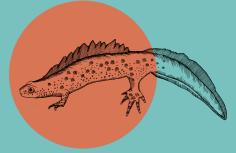
## **Great Crested Newt** (Triturus cristatus)

The rarest of the UK's amphibian species, the great crested newt is distinguishable by its large size, bright orange underbelly and large jagged crest (in males). Choosing to spend the colder months hibernating on the land, they come to the water during the spring to breed.





As you walk around Normandy Hill you will see anchor bases remaining from the site's days as Rugby Radio Station. There were 62 masts on site, 12 of which were 820ft (250m), that's 2.5 times the height of Big Ben (96m). These huge masts enabled low frequency, long wave radio signals to reach around the globe in the mid 1920s. This pioneering technology supported our war efforts and paved the way for modern communications.



The Houlton Play Park is a 'destination playground' that provides play opportunities for toddlers and older children in one place, and perfectly complements our natural play area located at Dollman Common.



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