SOUTH LONDON DOWNS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

From rare flower-rich chalk grassland to dense ancient woodland and wood pasture, The South London Downs NNR is a diverse landscape on the urban fringe. Covering 417-hectares along the border of Croydon and Surrey, the NNR is the second largest in London after Richmond Park.

Jointly managed by the City of London Corporation and Croydon Council, the new NNR brings together 152.5 ha of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for nature, including Riddlesdown, Farthing Downs and Happy Valley, with non-SSSI sites of value to wildlife. These include Coulsdon Common, Kenley Common, Hawkhirst, New Hill and Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area.

The new NNR will be at the heart of recovering nature across South London, improving and connecting areas that will benefit wildlife and people. It seeks to enhance the management of the area for wildlife, while creating a site where people can enjoy, learn and engage with the natural world.

Farthing

Downs

MAP KEY

Open space

London LOOP

Toilets

P Car park

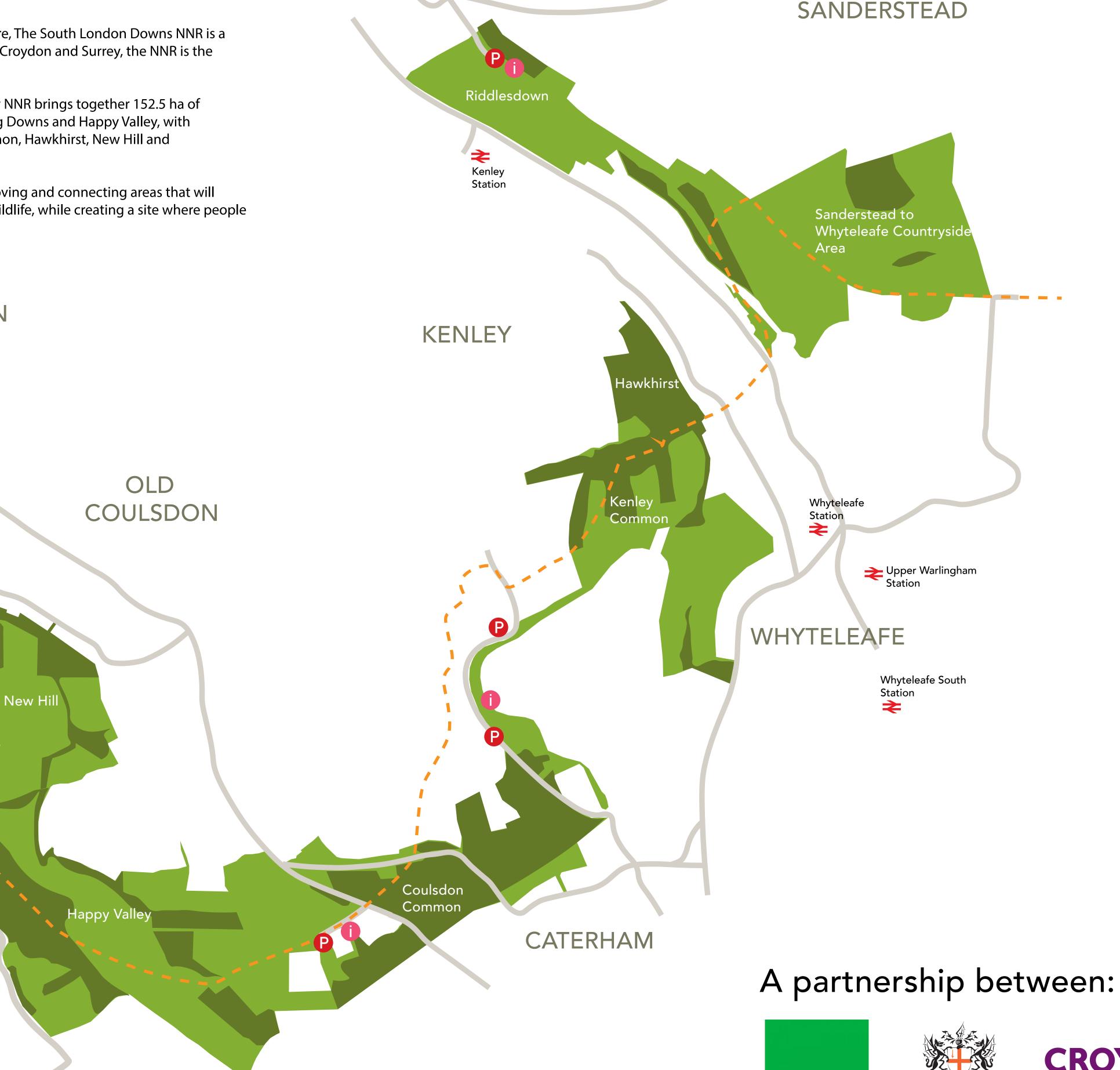
Railway station

Information board

Disabled toilets

Woodland and scrub

COULSDON



PURLEY





