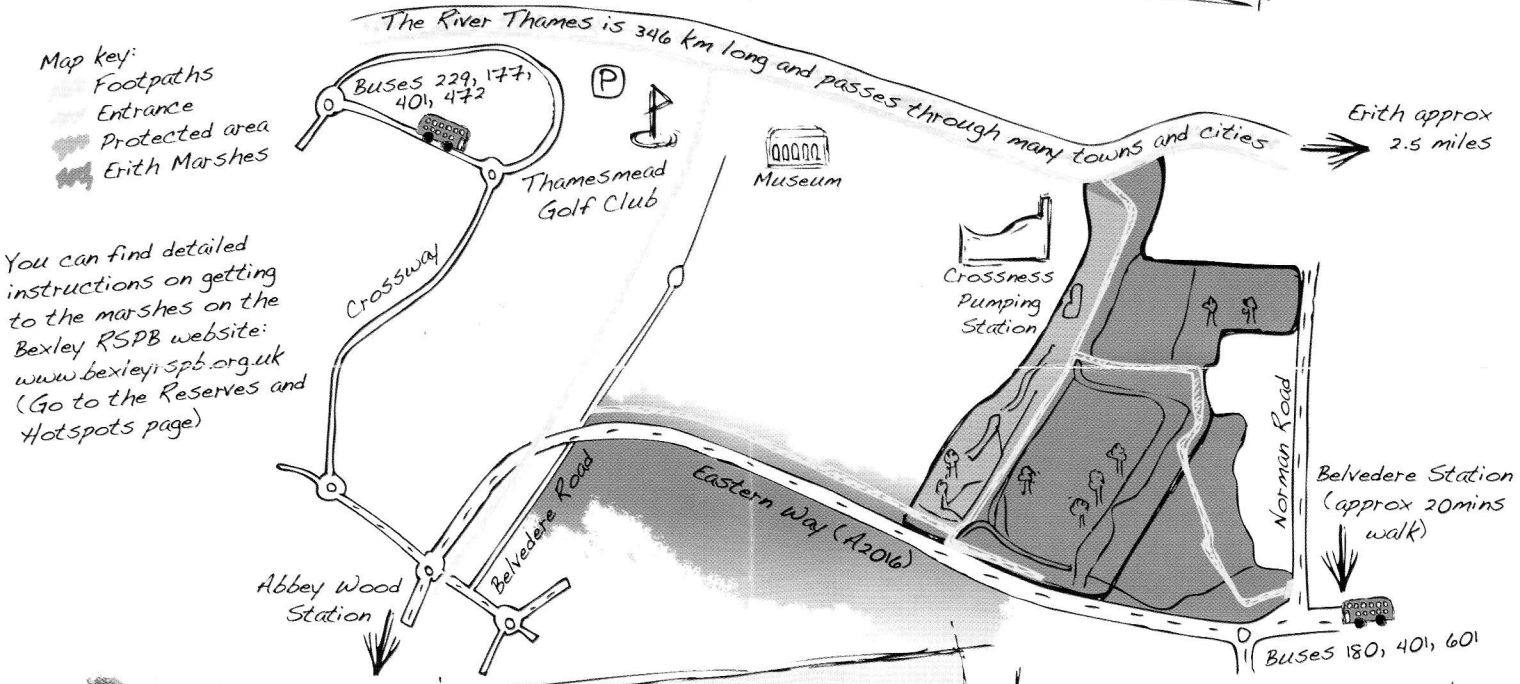
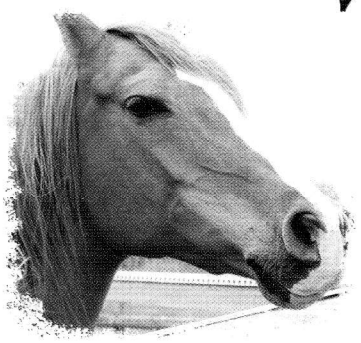
Look out for **Crossness Pumping Station**, with its distinctive curved roof. It has been dealing with South London's sewage since the late nineteenth century, and is about to be joined by a new waste recycling facility, which is under construction at the moment (2010).

A **Squacco Heron** was sighted at Crossness Nature Reserve in 2007 – the first sighting in Greater London since 1866!

Erith Marshes has a nationally important population of **Water Voles**, which are Britain's fastest declining mammal species. Water Voles live in burrows in the banks of rivers, ditches, ponds and streams.





The **Reed Warbler** is a plain, unstreaked warbler with brown feathers. It is associated with marshlands or other wetlands. It winters in Africa, visits the UK in the summer and likes to breed in the Erith Marsh reedbeds.

Knotted Hedge Parsley is an unusual member of the carrot family. It grows up to 50cm in length and has small pinkish white flowers.

The **Peacock Butterfly** gets its name from the large and colourful eyespots on its wings, which look like those on the tail of a peacock.

Marsh Myths.
We've written new myths for Erith marshes – you can read them at www.belvederegreenlinks.org.uk from autumn 2010.