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GREAT EXCITEMENT LAST SATURDAY ON THE WALK THROUGH IFIELD BROOK
MEADOWS LOCAL GREEN SPACE [LGS] - WEST OF IFIELD

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WHEN THE EGRETS ARRIVED

A moment nature spoke for Ifield

Something extraordinary happened at Ifield Brook Meadows.

On a community walk beside the Brook, walkers stopped.

There, in clear view, stood a pair of egrets—brilliant white against the water and reeds.



Egrets do not settle in damaged places.

- ✓ Clean, living water
- ✓ Healthy freshwater ecology
- ✓ A wetland capable of sustaining wildlife

Why this matters

If these egrets return—to feed, roost, or breed—it would be powerful natural evidence that

Local Green Space → Local Nature Reserve

“where nature and community meet—and thrive together.”

Sometimes nature makes the argument for us.

No policy document.

No consultation statement.

Just two white birds, quietly choosing to be here.

When the egrets arrived, they told us something.

THE IFIELD SOCIETY

Protecting nature. Restoring trust. Honouring the parish.



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Dear Cllr Michael Jones - Leader of Crawley Borough Council

Great excitement last Saturday on the walk through Ifield Brook Meadows - part of the proposed 'Ifield Park - Gatwick'...

Spotted along the Brook were a pair of pure white Little Egrets - or were they Great Egrets?

Controversy ensued afterwards as to whether it was one or the other, but whatever, there are a pair of egrets in Ifield Brook Meadows.

Why is this important?

Because if they are here to make it their home and breed, this would be amazing - and reinforce the case for upgrading Ifield Brook Meadows from Local Green Space [LGS] to Local Nature Reserve [LNR].

Yours sincerely

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