

**John F Leslie**  
**Woodland Walk**

**This is the driveway of Tarbert House, an excellently-preserved early Georgian residence which is still the Leslie family home. This line of trees provides an excellent flight-line for hunting bats. The fox is a shy predator but may often be seen during daylight.**

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**Ash**

**The small leaves and open canopy of the ash tree allows a lot of sunlight through to the woodland floor which allows for a rich and varied ground covering of plants such as wild garlic and bluebell. The bark is smooth and grey with fissures that appear as it grows older which is rarely over 200 years. Because of its high flexibility and shock-resistance ash wood is often used for making tool handles and of course hurleys.**



**Bats**

**The most common bat in Ireland, and the smallest, is the Pipistrelle. The Long-eared bat is also quite common and can be seen in and around woodlands at dawn and dusk. Another species, the Daubentons bat, is found mainly feeding over open water. Of the ten species of bat found in Ireland the largest is the Leisler bat often found in old buildings and ruins.**



**Fox**

**Having no natural enemies (apart from man and his cars) the fox is the top predator of the woodland. Foxes have a wide and varied diet which includes earthworms, insects and fruit such as blackberries. Although very shy and secretive and largely nocturnal, foxes may be seen at any time of day.**



# Information Map

