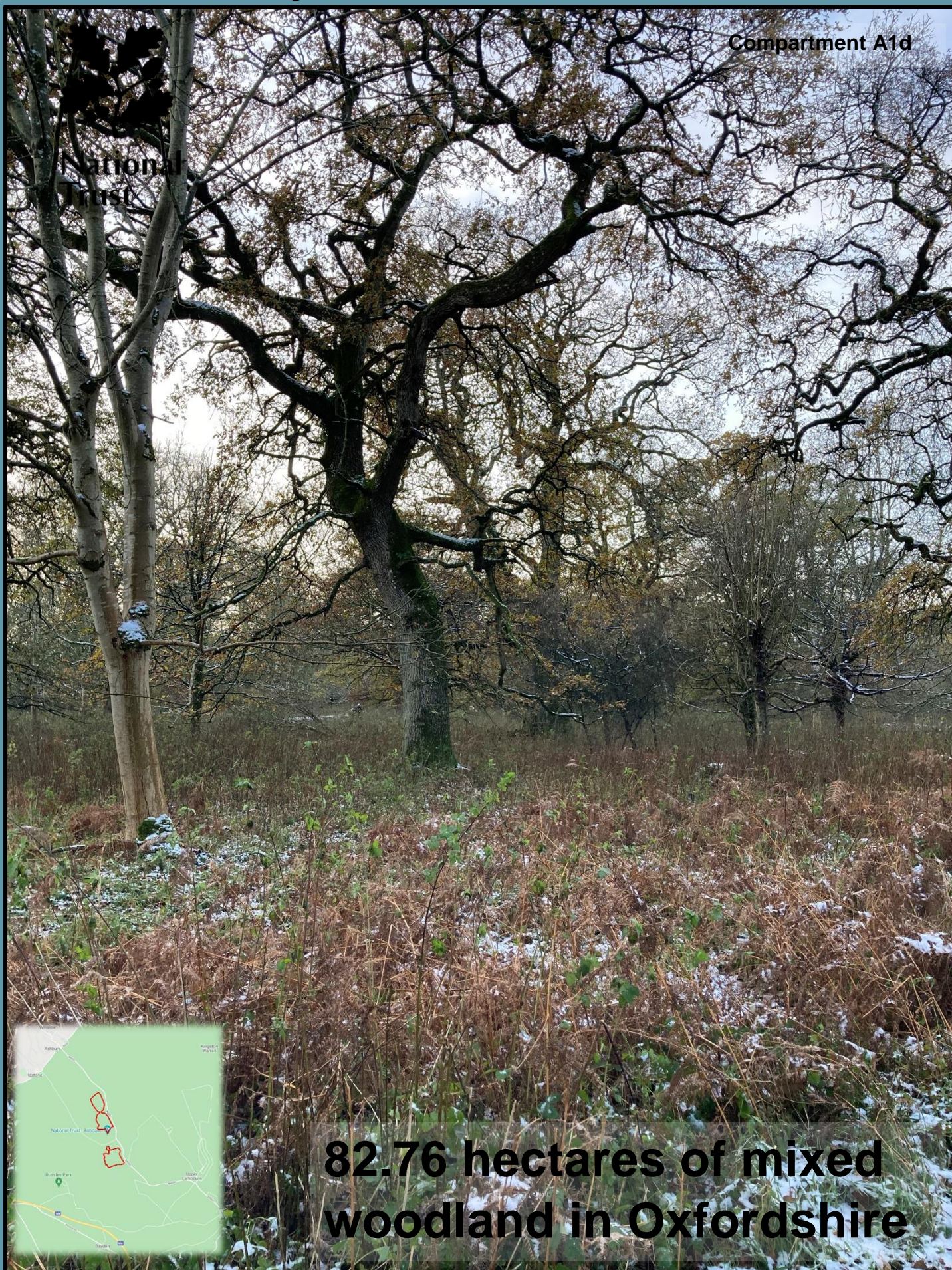


Ashdown House Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



Compartment A1d

National Trust



82.76 hectares of mixed woodland in Oxfordshire

Habitats and Species

The woodlands and parkland at Ashdown House are home to wood decay communities characteristic of wood pasture of at least regional significance. Notable fungi including the European Red Data Book *Ganoderma pfeifferi*. Notable invertebrates include at least seven nationally Scarce species and there are also a few ancient woodland plants.

Designations

This woodland sits in the North Wessex Downs AONB

It is designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW), this means it is a woodland that has existed continuously since or before 1600. In this compartment work will focus on maintaining and enhancing the health and diversity of the woodland habitat, protecting veteran trees, and management for health and safety.

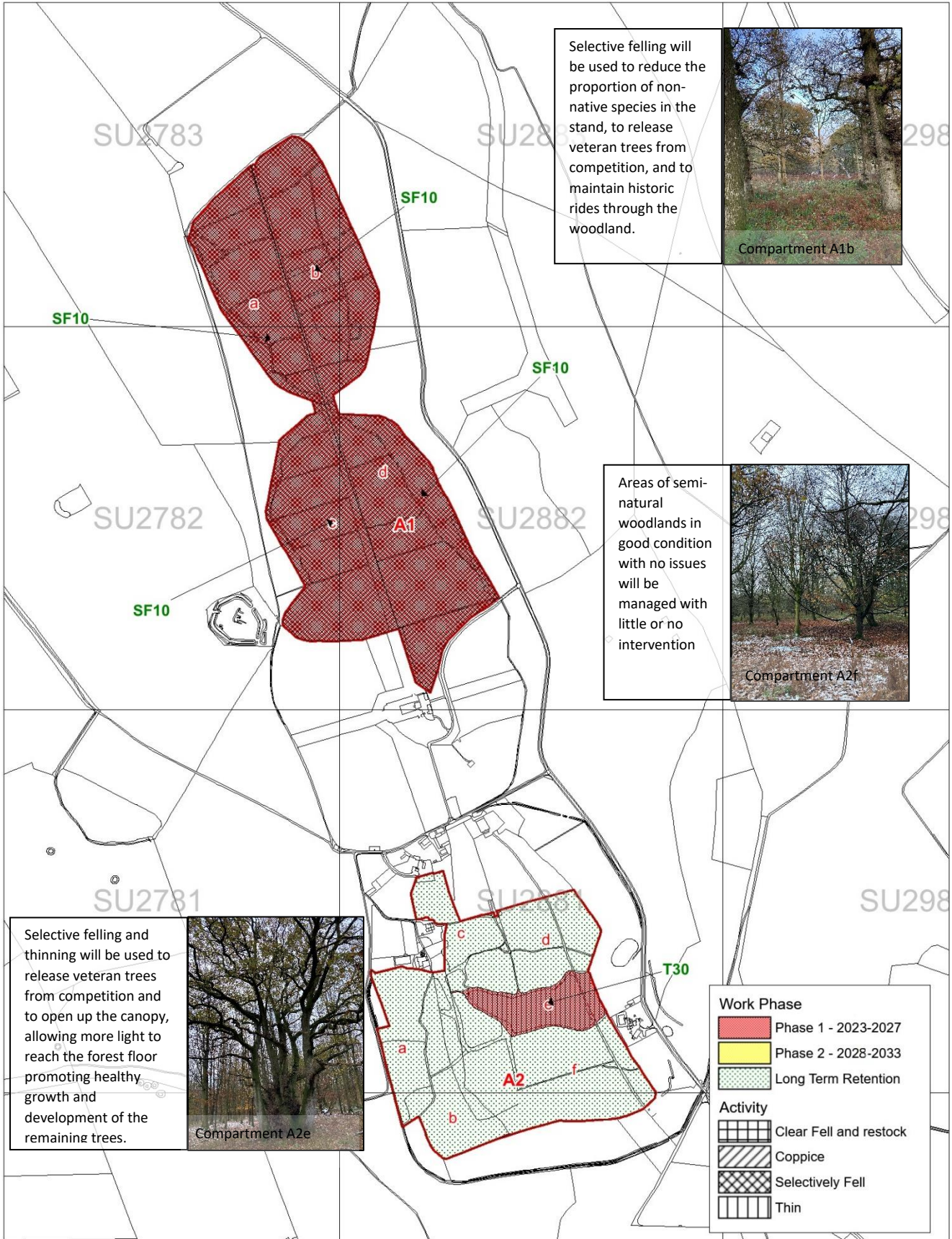
Part of the ASNW in compartment A1b has been classified as Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS), this is a result of the planting and self-seeding of non-native trees into these woodland. In this compartment we will seek to restore and protect the woodland's natural characteristics and features.

Management Approaches

Areas of semi-natural woodlands in good condition with no issues will be managed with little or no intervention

The importance of ancient and semi-natural woodland and veteran trees will be recognised due to their importance for wood decay and epiphyte communities. Veteran trees will be identified and protected from competition for light from adjacent trees through targeted thinning and selective felling.

Where thinning or selective felling takes place, regeneration will be achieved through natural processes where possible. This includes allowing natural regeneration from seed or management to encourage coppice regrowth. Some of the selective felling will be used to manage and maintain open rides through the woodland.



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Ashdown House Woodland Work Map

Scale 1:10000 at A4

