## Denbies Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



## **Habitats and Species**

The detailed mosaic of grassland, scrub and woodland, together with the vegetation dynamics makes this property very important for invertebrates. The Priority List species known to be present include species which need the combination of open grassland, open-grown young, developing birch and hazel within calcareous pasture, and semi-natural woodland includes the butterflies Adonis blue Lysandra bellargus and silverspotted skipper Hesperia comma, and straw belle moth Aspitates gilvaria; the leaf beetle Cryptocephalus nitidulus; the hoverfly Doros profuges; and the moths waved carpet Hydrelia sylvata and squarespotted clay Xestia rhomboidea.

## Designations

Denbies sits in the Hackhurst and White Downs SSSI

All of the woodlands at Denbies sit within the Surrey Hills AONB.

## **Management Approaches**

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

Where dying trees could present a risk to health and safety they will be pruned or felled to make them safe. Where they do not pose a risk to safety, they will be retained, adding to the woodland's deadwood resource.

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.



This document is a summary plan and supports a full Forestry Commission Woodland Plan which can be found at https://forestplans.co.uk/surrey-hills/