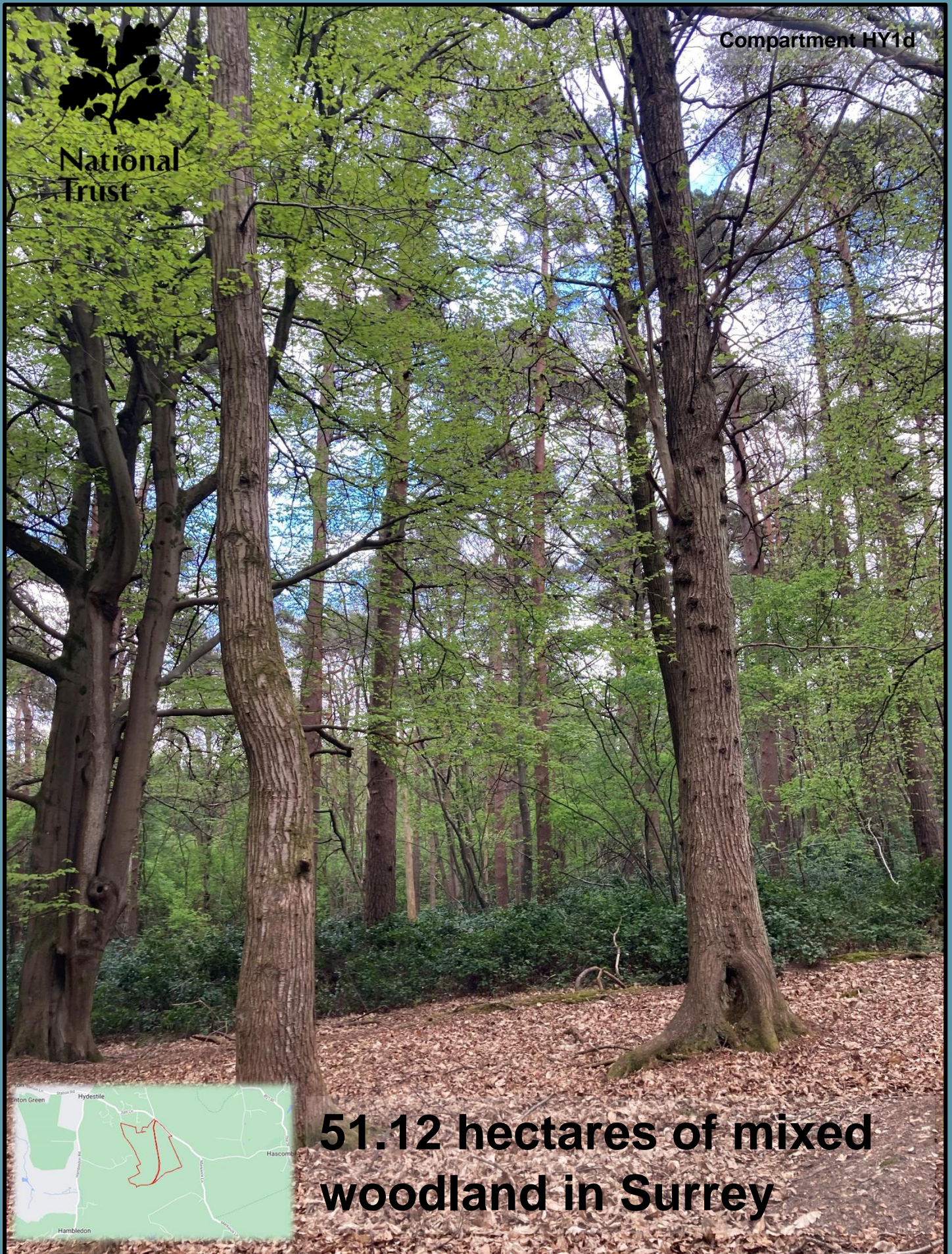


Hydon's Ball and Heath Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



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51.12 hectares of mixed
woodland in Surrey



Habitats and Species

A 1983 report identified the property as having a diverse bird list and as being of county significance by the British Trust for Ornithology in the late 1970s. Species of interest that have been recorded breeding on the site include hobby, nightingale, turtle dove, sparrowhawk, woodcock, redstart, tree pipit, willow tit and all three woodpecker species.

Widespread woodpecker activity is present. Winter visitors of note include crossbill, siskin and brambling, and there is also a record for hawfinch. The avifauna is basically typical of a pine and birch-invaded heathland in southern England.

The 1983 report also mentions the local southern wood ant *Formica rufa* in this area. However recent searches failed to find any signs and the species may no longer be present on the property

Designations

All of these woodlands sit within the Surrey Hills AONB.

Management Approaches

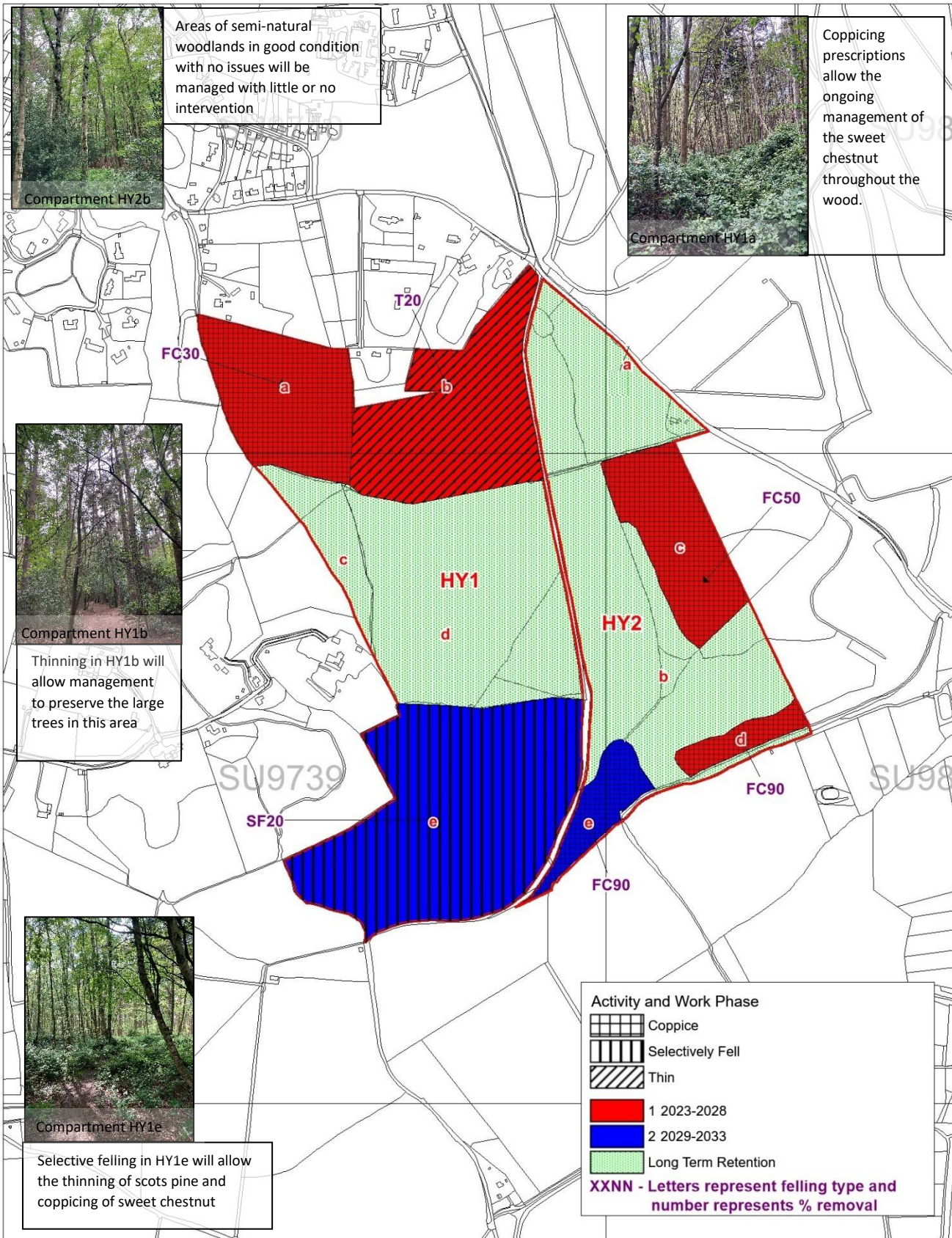
Areas of semi-natural woodlands in good condition with no issues will be managed with little or no intervention

Where 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.

Thinning will open up areas of closed canopy woodland allowing better development of ground flora and natural regeneration of native trees.

The proportion of non-native trees in areas of semi-natural woodland will be gradually reduced to protect remnant features of high ecological value.

Coppicing will be used to maintain and enhance structural diversity



Surrey Hills Woodland Plan 2023-2043
 Hydon's Ball and Heath Work Map 2023-2043
 Scale 1:7500 at A4

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