

Oxted Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



Habitats and Species

Some areas fall within the UK BAP lowland beech and yew woodland Priority Habitat. Dense natural regeneration has occurred since the storm of October 1987 which blew down many of the canopy trees. Species recorded here include the Red Data Book white helleborine, mezereon, and the Nationally Scarce stinking hellebore. These woodlands have a good wood-decay resource with associated scarce and localised invertebrates. Breeding birds of conservation concern are predominantly associated with woodland and scrub and include the Red-listed marsh tit, song thrush, bullfinch and linnet.

Designations

This site sits within the Woldingham & Oxted Downs SSSI

Compartment O1 is classified as Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS), this is a result of the planting of sycamore into these woodlands. In this compartment we will seek to protect the woodland's natural characteristics and features.

In compartment O2, fragments of the woodland have been designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW), this means it is a woodland that has existed continuously since or before 1600. In these compartments work will focus on maintaining and enhancing the health and diversity of the woodland habitat, protecting veteran trees, and management for health and safety.

Management Approaches

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



Surrey Hills Woodland Plan 2023-2043

Oxtd Work Map 2023-2043

Scale 1:12,500 at A4

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