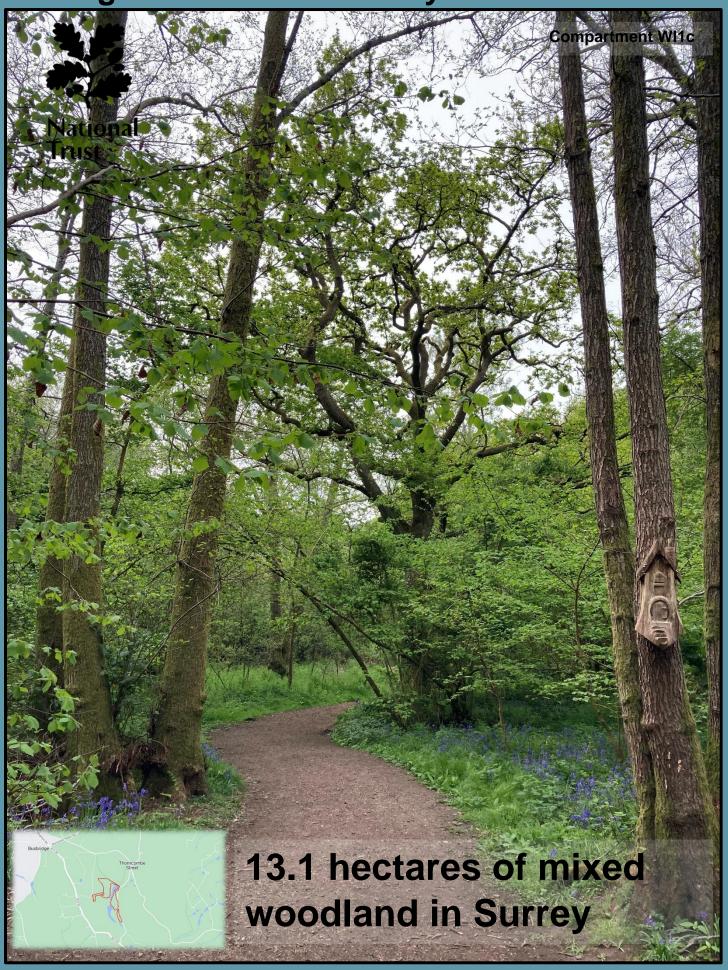
Winkworth Arboretum Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



Habitats and Species

The woodlands at Winkworth are native, and some are ancient in origin, they provide an important habitat for a range of woodland species.

Designations

These woodlands sit within the Surrey Hills AONB.

Compartment WI1b has 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

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.

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

Coppicing will be used to maintain and enhance structural diversity

