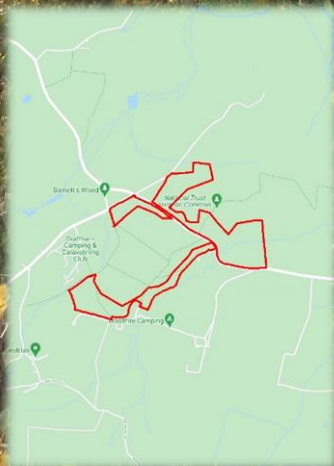
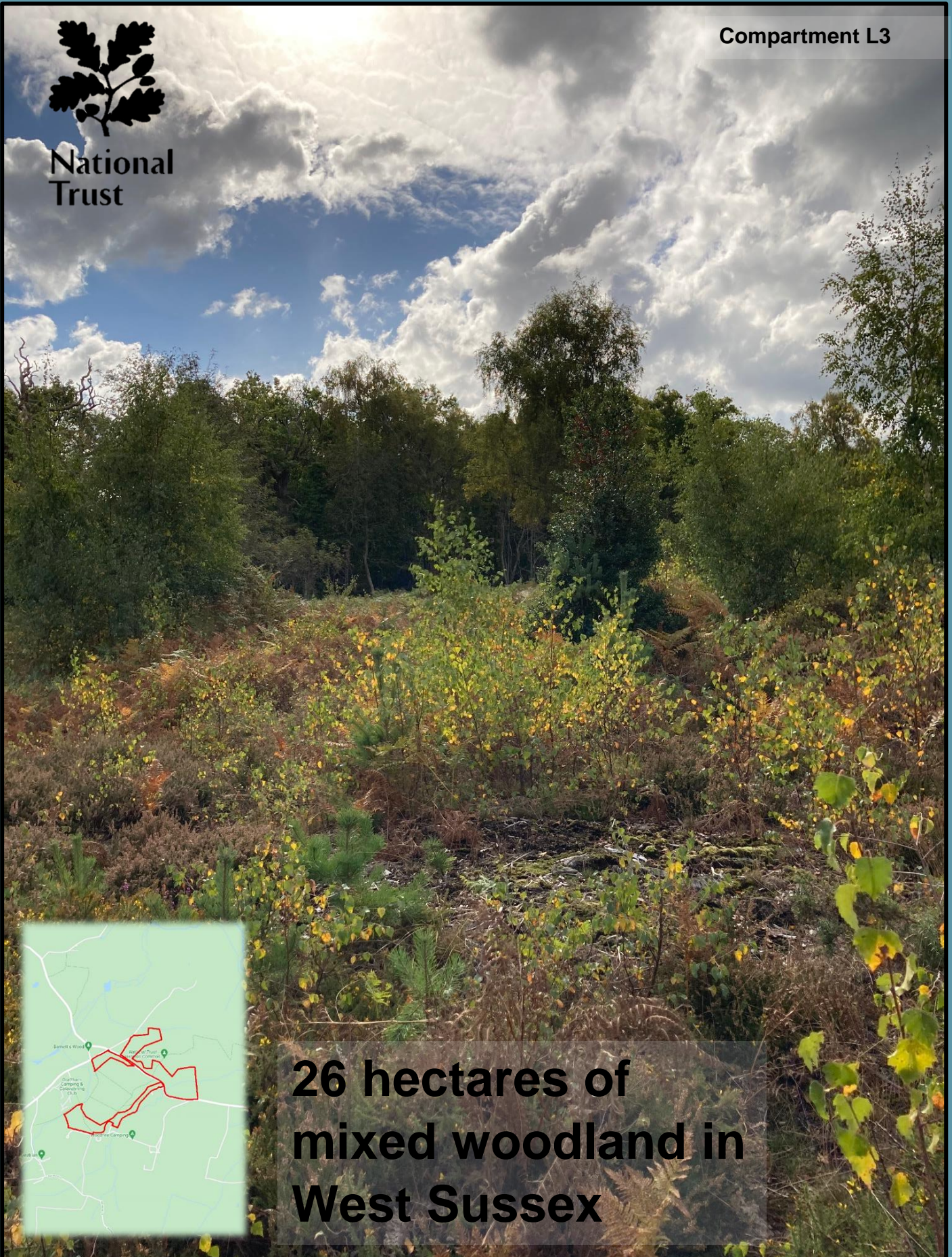


Lavington Common Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



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Compartment L3



**26 hectares of
mixed woodland in
West Sussex**

Habitats and Species

The older semi-natural parts, for example around the fringes of the Lavington Wood conifer plantation provide useful habitat and support a few uncommon species, including ash-black slug *Limax cinereoniger*.

The old oaks and other trees along stream margins are also of value, especially for wood-decay communities which include the Nationally Scarce brown tree ant *Lasius brunneus*.

Birch stands support Nationally Scarce invertebrates such as the leaf beetle *Cryptocephalus punctiger*, which is unknown elsewhere in Sussex.

Significant areas of relict heath survive along rides within Lavington Wood.

Designations

Compartment L2 is part of Lavington Common SSSI, designated as it is an example of 'Sub-Atlantic' lowland heath, a habitat which has been substantially reduced in area in recent years. The site supports an outstanding community of spiders. In their 'Views About Management' document, Natural England suggest that management may be required to remove any dense bracken or scrub invasions or to control tree encroachment where this begins to impact on the open nature of the heath

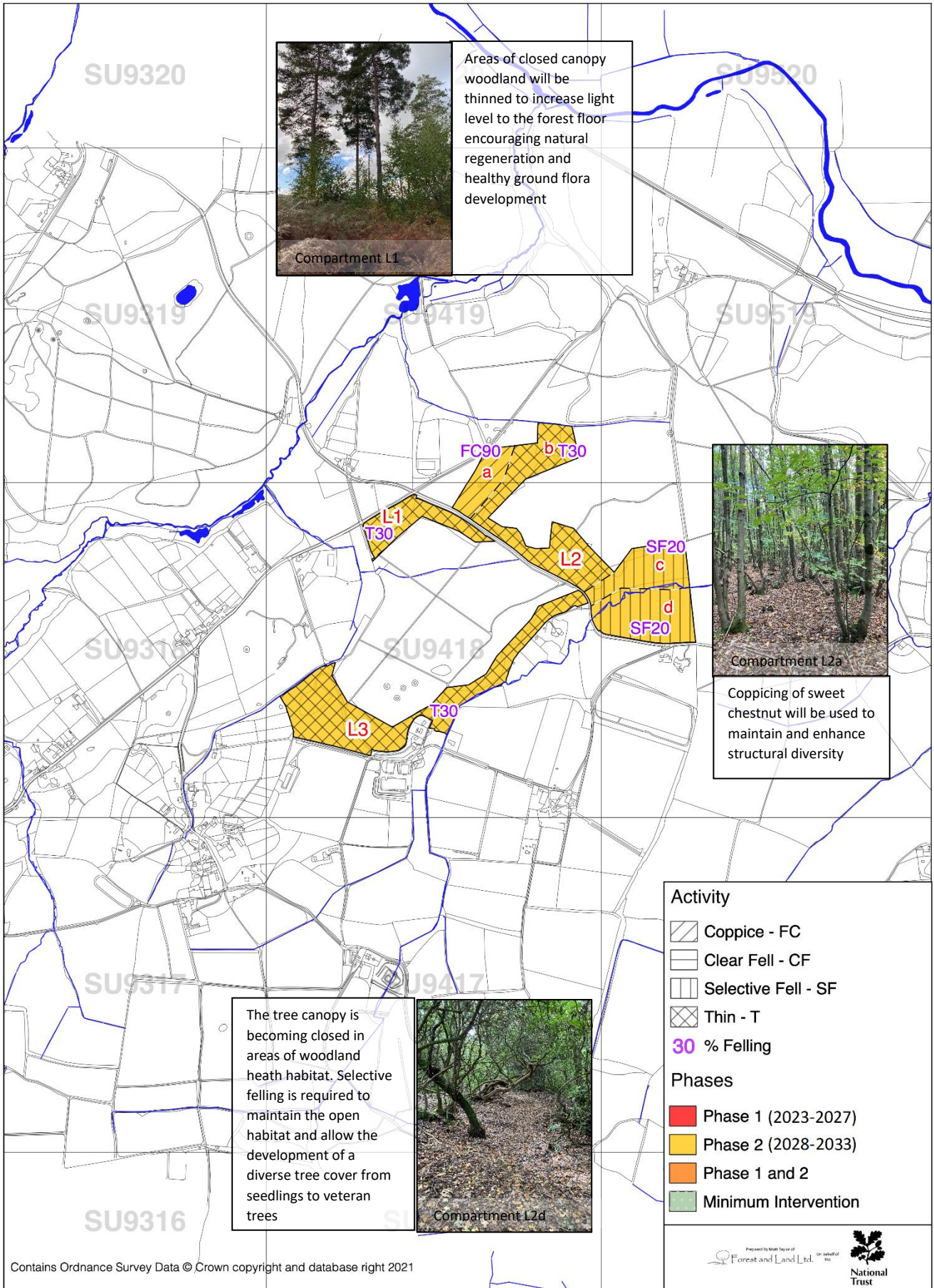
There are bowl barrow burial mounds in Compartment L2 designated as Scheduled Ancient Monuments. These will be identified, kept clear of scrub and tree encroachment, and protected during any operations.

Management Approaches

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

In compartments L2c and d we aim to undertake restoration to a wooded heath through selective felling, helping the site to develop more varied and open tree cover.

The area of sweet chestnut in Compartment L2a will be coppiced to maintain this traditional woodland management techniques and enhance the structural diversity of the woodland.



South Downs Woodland Management Plan— Lavington Map 2: Activity and Work Phase

Scale 1:13000 at A3