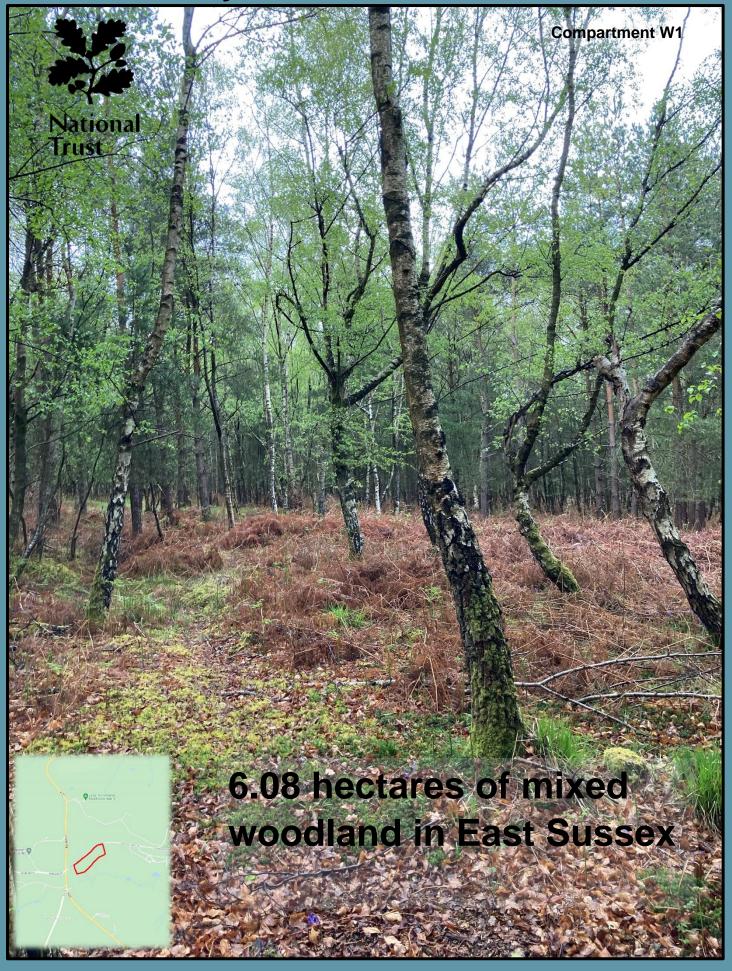
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## **Habitats and Species**

The property comprises plantation woodland on what was probably formerly part of the Ashdown Forest heathland. The biological interest of the property lies almost entirely within the relic heath, which persists within the ground flora. The property was formerly included within the Ashdown Forest SSSI but has now been excluded.

## **Designations**

The woodland at Wych Cross sits within the High Weald AONB.

It is designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW), this means it is a woodland that has existed continuously since or before 1600. 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**

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

