

Penney's Wood

Zoning proposal April 2019

Background

The Penney's Wood community woodland was established in 2014, the land being gifted from the estate of the late Duncan Penney.

Planting and fencing began in 2015, with paths, bridges, and seating areas being created in the following 3 years.

It's time now to consider how the management committee can sustain the development, in particular ensuring that it stays on top of the condition of the trees (c1800 in total).

The woodland uses exclusively a volunteer workforce – and it should be assumed that low maintenance is an objective, sufficient to preserve the (as far as possible) natural character of the development, combined with reasonable care and diligence.

Proposal:

It is proposed to establish a system in which the woodland is sub-divided into a number of zones, with each zone having an identified responsible committee member.

The objective is to maintain a high level of awareness of the condition of the trees and the surrounding environment (including paths, fences, gates and bridges) to promote speedy and effective intervention where corrective maintenance is required.

The central idea is to keep the woodland in good condition all year and to anticipate forward requirements.

Role of the responsible committee member (RCM)

- To take an overall census of the number and nature of trees in the RCM's zone
- To keep this log up to date
- To report to the management committee changes to this data
- To report to the committee any significant corrective action needing taken and on the completion of any actions