

“Moor Wood” Draft Management Plan

This plan was drafted by Wellington’s Tree Warden (Simon Ratsey), on the assumption that Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) as the responsible authority would provide appropriate advice and assistance. Volunteers from within the community would not be permitted (or expected) to carry out any maintenance work involving machinery or with Health & Safety implications.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Persons involved</u>
<u>Years 1 – 5</u>	
Checking / replacing stakes and protective tubes.	Volunteers
Replacing failed seedlings and planting replacements	Volunteers
Clearing vegetation from around the trees	Volunteers
Start a photographic record of the project	Tree Warden
Mechanical mowing within and around the woodland blocks	TDBC
<u>Years 6 – 10</u>	
Prune out dead, dying and damaged lower branches	Volunteers
Create “habitat heaps” of brushwood etc.	Volunteers
Remove plastic tree guards and stakes when redundant	Volunteers
Begin creation of pathways through the woods	Volunteers
Maintain photographic record (ongoing)	Tree Warden
<u>Years 11 - 15</u>	
Commence first coppicing (mainly hazels)	Volunteers
Continue pruning out of dieback (lower branches)	Volunteers
Cut back branches that impede access by public	Volunteers
Add brushwood etc. to “habitat heaps”	Volunteers
Begin introduction of suitable woodland ground flora	Volunteers
Attach bird nest-boxes to suitable trees	Volunteers
<u>Years 16 – 20</u>	
Continue coppicing and general “housekeeping”	Volunteers
Shred some brushwood for dressing footpaths	TDBC
Create firewood piles for public use	
<u>Year 21 onwards</u>	
Manage as an established woodland, with selective felling	TDBC