



### Appendix 1: Centenary Field Woodland Management 5 Year Plan

Management Objective	Management Detail	Seasonal Requirement	Frequency	First 5 Years				
				YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5
Woodland Management	Dominant ground flora brambles and ivy should be removed annually.  Thin the blackthorn growth but retain shelterbelt. Cut any tree or bramble overgrowth back from wheel, bench and footpath (if necessary).	Autumn	Annually	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Strimming of weeds and grass beneath tree groups and clearance of Aspen suckers. This should be undertaken in July/August, and with care around establishing groups of flowers and other desirable plants.	Summer	Annually	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hazel stools should be coppiced on a rotational basis in order to maintain structural diversity, allowing light through to the ground and ensure that there is always young hazel growth. Coppicing should be undertaken outside of the nesting season in Autumn/Winter (November-February).	Autumn/Winter	2 year rotation of sections. Each section should not be cut more than once every 5-7 years.	✓		✓		
	The woodland is relatively species rich although it lacks diversity in size and age of trees present. Selected trees should be removed to thin out the woodland. Selectively thin trees by up to 20% selecting damaged, suppressed trees for removal.  Dead wood from tree work to be stacked on woodland floor where appropriate to create invaluable habitat (in moderation).	Autumn/Winter	Year 1 or Year 2		✓			

	<p>New sapling planted to encourage more diversity in ages present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All tree whips and transplants are to be fitted with 60cm spiral guards, supported with an appropriate pointed stake. All plants are to be protected with Tubex Easiwraps (or similar approved) supported with a cane.</li> <li>All plants are to be planted in accordance with British Standard 3936:1992, Nursery Stock. A Mycorrhizal inoculant is to be applied to roots of bare plants before planting and backfilling. Prior to planting, ground must be made well-broken and free draining using an auger (a tool used for boring holes in the ground).</li> <li>Where feasible, seed and planting stock will be of local provenance. All planting should take place between November and April (inclusive).</li> </ul>	Nov-April	Year 1 and 3	✓		✓		
	Planting of native wildflowers/bulbs Suitable flower species such as English bluebell, wood anemone, wood sorrel, snakes head fritillary, snowdrop, ramsoms and native daffodil. This should be undertaken in Autumn or Spring.	Autumn/Spring	Year 1 & 3	✓		✓		
	<p>All trees and shrubs will be pruned to promote healthy growth and natural shape, and any dead, dying or diseased wood and suckers will be removed. Overhanging branches will be pruned.</p> <p>Canopy to be pruned to 2m over footpaths where/when necessary.</p> <p>Pruning will be undertaken annually or as appropriate to each species, between October and February inclusive. All arisings will be removed for composting.</p>	Oct-Feb	Annually	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	When thinning of woodland is undertaken, a small number of trees can be left as standing deadwood if appropriate to provide habitat.	Oct-Feb	Year 1 & 5	✓				✓
	Strim grass from around new planting and woodchip around base, check ties and supports.  Trim back from footpaths in/around woodland where necessary, Potentially re-route footpath through trees.		2 yearly	✓		✓		✓
Hedgerow	The infill native hedgerow planting, and the existing hedgerow are to be cut on a 3 year rotation between 1 January and 28 February.  The hedgerows should be split into three equal sized compartments for the rotational management and each section not cut more than once every 3 years.  The hedgerows should be pruned to achieve a height of 3 m, with existing tree belt remaining in place.	Winter	3 year rotation of 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> sections.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
				Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 1	Section 2
	The hedgerow next to the allotments should be monitored for overgrowth and should not overshadow plots. Cut back when necessary.	Winter	AS required	✓		✓		✓
Firebreak	Cut approx 3 metre width from edge of tree line (see map appendix 3)	As required	X3 per year	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
General care	Ensure that enhancements are subject to appropriate monitoring and aftercare. Add wood bark mulch to 75mm after initial planting and watering, to retain soil moisture. Water all new planting during prolonged dry spells, to prevent plant failures (during first 2 years following planting).	As required	As required	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Check stakes and ties and adjust if needed, in summer and winter. Remove stakes when no longer required (i.e. after 3 years). Prune dead, damaged or dying branches.	As required in summer and winter	Annually/as required	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Each autumn, the new planting scheme will be inspected, and dead or dying plants recorded and replaced in the next winter planting season.	Autumn	Annually	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓