

## Swindon BAP Trees and Woodland Action Plan - Incorporates Woodland, Scrub, Veteran Trees and Parkland

### Objective WOODO1: Ensure that urban expansion and regeneration seeks to enhance the viability of existing woodland

Target	Target Measure	Action	Action Measure	Partners	Action Deadline	Links to Other Plans	Comments
WOODT1: Secure protection, extension and expansion of woodland and trees associated with new developments .	All major developments contribute to the work of the GWCF.	WOODA01: Support the development of a Green Infrastructure strategy which contains a structure for payments for Biodiversity and for the GWCF.	Publication and adoption.	SBC planning;	Feb-10	Urban habitats.	(Expansion refers to new woodland plantings).
		WOODA02: Work with regeneration and development companies to promote tree planting and woodland creation.	Regeneration and development company plans include policies relating to tree planting.	SBC landscape section, Regeneration and Development companies	Ongoing	Links to climate change agendas.	
		WOODA03: Ensure that veteran trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders where appropriate.	TPO review and development plans/public notifications.	SBC Arboriculturalist	Ongoing		
		WOODA04: Ensure development policies include measures to ensure woodland and/or trees present in development sites are buffered and linked to maintain their ecological and amenity function.	Included within the GI SPD.	SBC Forward Planning	Feb-10		

### Objective WOODO2: Build capacity within local communities to develop an active interest and involvement in the biodiversity of trees and woodland

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WOODT2: Promote and develop awareness-raising opportunities of the biodiversity importance of trees and woodland.	Opportunities available (number).	WOODA05: Promote access to local woodland and raise awareness of its value.	At least 15 events and/or publications linked to the biodiversity of trees and woodland.	Woodland HAP Working Group	Annual		
		WOODA06: Work towards promoting the biodiversity importance of trees and woodland at major events in Swindon.	1 major event per year.	Woodland HAP Working Group	Annual		

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		<b>WOODA07:</b> Seek new resources to enable Swindon's schools to utilise school/local woodland through initiatives such as: Forest Schools; Story Sacks; Ecoschools; Healthy Schools; and Family Learning.	New resources are identified.	GWCF	Apr-10		
<b>WOODT3:</b> Enable local people to become actively involved in the creation and management of their local woodland resource.	20 community based activities take place each year to develop skills among local people, enabling them to be involved in the creation and management of their local woodland resource.	<b>WOOD08:</b> Wiltshire Tree Warden Scheme encompasses Swindon.	10 Tree Wardens in Swindon Borough.	SBC and Wiltshire Council (Steve Russell)	2011		
		<b>WOOD09:</b> WWT to run volunteer-based woodland events that include opportunities for development of relevant skills, on nature reserves in Swindon.	10 events per year.	WWT Swindon	Annual		
		<b>WOODA10:</b> GWCF to run community tree planting events.	1 event per year.	GWCF	Annual		
		<b>WOODA11:</b> Established community woodland groups, (e.g. Peatmoor) to provide opportunities at events, for local people to become actively involved.	20 events per year.	Individual community groups	Annual		

**Objective WOODO3: Expand the tree and woodland resource throughout Swindon Borough**

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<b>WOODT4:</b> Promote new woodland planting, particularly targeted at the expansion and linkage of existing woodland whilst ensuring that woodland is appropriately sited.	Area of woodland planted in Swindon per year (hectares). GWCF.	<b>WOODA12:</b> Seek to enhance grant aid payments for new woodland through private sponsorship.	Lead partners report that they have secured private sponsorship annually.	GWCF (also WT and WWT)	Annual		(Expansion refers to new woodland plantings).
		<b>WOODA13:</b> Promote opportunities for the creation of new woodland through natural succession. This includes scrub habitat in situations in which it forms a buffer or link to another habitat.	Area of woodland created by natural succession (hectares).	FC, GWCF, WT, WWT, SBC	Annual		
		<b>WoodA14:</b> Encourage planting of wide spaced trees, small groups and fruit trees in existing amenity grassland.	Number of trees planted per year.	SBC - Parks	Annual	Climate Change Action Plan and GI strategy	
		<b>WOODA15:</b> Plant new woodland when opportunities exist.	Area of new woodland planted per year (hectares).	FC/GWCF	Annual		

**Objective WOOD04: Increase the area of trees and woodland under sustainable management.**

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WOODT5: Ensure that woodland is sympathetically managed.	<p><u>Measure 1:</u> An increase in the percentage of woodland within Swindon Borough with a management plan.</p> <p><u>Measure 2:</u> To ensure that 100% of ASNW, and woodland SSSIs &amp; CWS have a management plan.</p>	WOODA16: Prepare, resource and implement management plans on local authority woodland.	Percentage of local authority woodland with management plans.	SBC, GWCF	2012		Baseline to be determined early 2010.
		WOODA17: Ensure that there is a plan of action to get all SSSI woodland into favourable condition.	Plan of action put in place.	FC, Owners	2010		
		WOODA18: Where appropriate, pollard and manage veteran trees.	Number of trees managed per year.	Woodland HAP Working Group	Annual		Pollarding and management may not be suitable intervention in all cases.
		WOODA19: Create deadwood habitats as part of woodland management operations.	Number of woodland with newly created deadwood habitats, per year.	Woodland HAP Working Group	Annual		

**Objective WOOD05: To monitor and enhance populations of species associated with woodland habitats.**

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WOODT6: Actively monitor the presence & absence, and population increases & decreases of species in woodland throughout Swindon Borough.	An increase in the records received by the WSBRC of species in woodland sites within Swindon Borough. WSBRC 2012.	WOODA20: Continue with species monitoring programmes in Swindon Borough and consider undertaking more surveys of species such as Dormice.	Number of records received by the WSBRC annually.	Wiltshire Mammal Group, WSBRC, WWT	Annual report		
		WOODA21: Reptiles group to continue surveys for reptiles in woodland.	Number of records received by the WSBRC annually.	WARG, WSBRC	Annual report		
		WOODA22: Provide opportunities within Clouts Wood to encourage local people to record woodland wildlife.	Annual programme of events based on Clouts Wood.	WWT	Annual report		
WOODT7: Enhance populations of woodland species in Swindon Borough.	An increase in the populations of species for which actions are noted. 2012.	WOODA23: Management plans for woodland sites to be altered to accommodate findings of monitoring programmes and surveys in WOODA20 and WOODA21 above, if appropriate.	Number of management plans altered accordingly.	Wiltshire Mammal Group, WARG, Landowners	Annually		
		WOODA24: Publish maps of noted species (black poplar, orchards etc) so that decision makers are better able to act to protect and enhance.	Maps produced.	Tree Officer SBC, WSBRC	Dec-09		