



PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL
Callicroft House, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5DQ
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Friday 30th June 2023.

Dear **Councillor P Cottrell, Councillor N Field, Councillor J James, Councillor P Knight, Councillor R Loveridge, Councillor E Martin.**

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Patchway Town Council's Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 8pm at Callicroft House, Patchway and the agenda is provided below.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Turner BA.Hons. Cert.GILCA. PSLCC.
Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

AGENDA

1. To elect a Chairman to this Committee for the ensuing year.
2. To elect a Vice Chairman to this Committee for the ensuing year.
3. To receive questions from the members of the public present, with respect to business on the agenda in accordance with Standing Order 4E.
4. To receive any apologies for absence.
5. To receive any declarations of interest and to consider any requests for dispensations for this meeting.
6. To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 and to note the Clerk/RFO's report for this committee meeting.
7. To review the Five Year Budget Plan focusing on the 2024 – 2025 financial year:
 - a) Centre 320 – Rodway Road
 - b) Centre 500 – Scott Park
 - c) Centre 510 – Sports and Social Club
 - d) Centre 600 – Allotments
 - e) Centre 700 – Tumps
 - f) Centre 710 – Play Areas

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- g) Centre 720 – Open Spaces
- h) Centre 800 – Street Furniture

Matters Pertaining to Parks and Open Spaces

- 8. To review the quotation report on new play equipment for Norman Scott Park as delegated by Patchway Town Council on 16th May 2023.
- 9. To consider reinstating the Patchway Greenway Walk.
- 10. To note the Certificate of Lawfulness with regards to the storage unit on Pretoria Road Allotments.

Matters Pertaining to Planning and Transport.

- 11. To consider any planning applications received (Click on the agenda item to view the planning application)
 - a) [P23/01878/CLP - Erection of single storey rear extension - 2A Hazeldene Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5DS.](#)
 - b) [P23/01796/F - Change of use from Guest house \(Class C1\) to a 8 no. bedroom large house in multiple occupation \(HMO\) for up to 8no. people \(sui generis\) as defined in the Town and Country Planning \(Use Classes\) Order 1987 \(as amended\). - 217 Gloucester Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 6ND.](#)
 - c) [P23/01784/F - Erection of 1no. storage building, 1no. guards lodge, 2.4m high boundary fence and gates and installation of 3no. extraction outlets to existing building. - Unit 1 Highwood Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5DJ.](#)
 - d) [P23/01897/CLP - Conversion of existing garage to form garden room/gym - 25 Thirlmere Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5PD.](#)
 - e) [P23/01928/CLP - Installation of 1no rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion. - 68 Cavendish Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5HJ.](#)
 - f) Any applications received after the agenda had been issued.
- 12. To consider the locations of Christmas Lights in Patchway for this year.
- 13. To consider the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) [WESTlocal funding](#) opportunity (Click on the link to view)

Updates and Reports.

- 14. To receive a Quarterly Update from users of Patchway Town Council sports facilities, allotment societies and Patchway and Charlton Hayes Wildlife Group.

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15. To receive an update on the Pollinator Fund grant application.
16. To receive an update on the new play equipment at Norman Scott Park
17. To note the Ecology Survey of The Tumps and Nearby Green Spaces commissioned to Wessex Ecological Consultancy and the findings of this survey.
18. To note that the meeting dates of the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee 2023 – 2024 will be held on:
 - Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 8.00pm
 - Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.00pm
 - Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 8.00pm

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport committee held on the Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 20:00 at Callicroft House, Patchway.

Councillors: Cllr R Loveridge (in the chair), P Knight, D Lawrence, K Dando, E Martin

In attendance: Cllr P Cottrell, J Turner (Town Clerk and RFO), J Watkins (Deputy Town Clerk), Andy England (Patchway Town FC), Claire Nicholl, Chris Nicholl and Derek Howell (Pretoria Road Allotment Society), Kevin Thomas (One Planet Matters)

Absent: None

Members of the Public: None

As the time was 20:00, the Chair, Cllr R Loveridge called the meeting to order and informed all participants that the meeting would be recorded in line with The Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014 (SI2014/2095) and Patchway Town Council' protocol on the filming and recording of Town Council, Committee and Sub- Committee meetings.

14/03/2023 – No 1. To receive a presentation from Pretoria Road Allotment Society on the proposed extension of allotments.

The Committee noted a presentation from Pretoria Road Allotment Society for a 5 year plan to develop under-used land at the Allotments to create and enhance biodiversity by improving pollinator habitats, and to raise awareness of and empower the community through learning and growing. Key ideas are to provide growing space for local schools to promote connection with nature through two new polytunnels; and to redevelop the site of the former pond to create a biodiverse wildlife habitat for Patchway. Alongside the polytunnels, 8 no-dig allotment plots will be created. Introduction of native hedgerows will create safe wildlife corridors. A bee bank will support a wide variety of bee species, and a heritage orchard has already been started on the site. Grant funding through the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Pollinator Fund is being applied for to fund the 5 year project.

The Committee thank the Society for the presentation, stated supported for the proposal and recommended an update from the Allotment Society to the new Committee in July following the decision received on the funding application to the West of England Combined Authority Pollinator Fund.

14/03/2023 – No 2 To receive any questions from members of the public present.

None received.

14/03/2023 - No 3 To receive any apologies for absence.

The committee noted apologies from Cllrs E Gordon and B Hopkinson, Alex Dommett (Patchway Conservation Group), Steve Payne (Stoke Lane FC), Paul Thompson (Patchway Cricket Club) and Andy England (Patchway Town FC),

14/03/2023 - No 4 To receive any declarations of interest and to consider any requests for dispensations for this meeting.

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

14/03/2023 – No 5 To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and to note the Clerk/RFO’s report for this committee meeting.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting and the report was noted. All Clerk/RFO actions within the agenda.

14/03/2023 – No 6 To carry out a progress review of Patchway Town Council’s Three-Year Plan, focusing on 2022/2023.

- a) Outside Areas
- b) Planning in Patchway

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to note the progress being made as below.

	Outside Areas	Planning in Patchway
Timescale for Implementation	Parks and Planning	Parks and Planning
2022/2023		
	Tree Planting	Bus Shelters
	Wildflower Meadows	Christmas Lights
	Tree Pruning in Patchway	Road Surfacing
	Open Area (MAP)	Benches for Charlton Hayes
	Tree Survey for all areas	
	Tree giveaway project.	
	Local Nature Action Plan	

Matters Pertaining to Parks and Open Spaces

14/03/2023 - No 7. To review the Local Nature Action Plan

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to note the progress of the 5 year Local Area Nature Plan as it nears the conclusion of Year 1.

14/03/2023 - No 8. To consider the proposal from One Planet Matters in relation to the community orchard at The Tumps.

The committee noted the proposal from OPM and a site visit was held. It was agreed that this was a decision for the new Council, but the project should be created within the Council with the outdoor staff.

RESOLVED: The Committee made a recommendation for an alternative proposal for the new Council to explore alternative locations for a community orchard, source available grants, and create a tree planting plan itself using the Council outdoor staff.

14/03/2023 - No 9 To consider the use of the Section 106 funding to create an older person’s court area.

RESOLVED: The Committee made a recommendation to Full Council that quotes for creating an older persons hard court area at Scott Park are progressed using the £10k Section 106 monies designated for this purpose.

Matters Pertaining to Planning and Transport

14/03/2023 - No 10 To consider any planning applications received:

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 - a) P23/00790/CLP - Conversion of existing garage to a home office/home gym. - 17 Square Leaze Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5GT

- b) P23/00700/ADV - Display of 1no. externally illuminated interchangeable totem sign and 12no. non illuminated flag poles. - Fairlawn Avenue Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 4AB
- c) P23/00732/F - Installation of 2 no. chiller units and erection of acoustic louvres. - Building 194 At Rolls Royce Site Gloucester Road North Filton South Gloucestershire BS34 7QE
- d) P23/00931/F - Erection of an ancillary single-storey storage building on existing hardstanding for a temporary period of 5 years, with associated works (retrospective). - Encore House 3 Britannia Road Patchway Industrial Estate Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5TA
- e) P23/00873/HH | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. | 21 Ashford Road Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5DX
RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to raise no objections to the above applications.

Applications received after the agenda had been issued.

- f) P23/00973/HH | Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. | 21 Cedar Close Patchway South Gloucestershire BS34 5HD
- g) P23/00998/ADV | Display of 2 no. internally illuminated freestanding totem signs. | 1000 Park Avenue Aztec West Almondsbury South Gloucestershire BS32 4SQ
RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to raise no objections to the above applications.

Updates and Reports

14/03/2023 - No 11 To receive a quarterly update from the users of Patchway Town Council facilities

Andy England (Patchway Town FC) submitted update by email to say PTFC are playing regular games after improved weather and putting out three sides a week. PTFC 1st team are struggling though a recent 2-2 draw has restored confidence. PTFC 2nd team are still in with a chance of promotion. PTFC 3rd team are inconsistent though should be safe in current division. PTFC are investigating starting an U18 Youth team. The Club is proud to have donated Easter Eggs for the Council's Easter Egg Drive. Requested assistance from the Town Council regarding faulty spigots causing difficulty where the benches and dug-outs are stored.

Paul Thompson (Patchway Cricket Club) submitted update by email to say PCC have registered for All Stars (5-8 yr olds), Dynamos (9-12 yr olds). PCC are running U9s, Under 11s Super Eights and league teams, and an Under 13s team and are gearing up for the season. PCC received comments from Gloucestershire Cricket Board who were very complimentary of the new Pavilion Facilities. Patchway is one of only two facilities with cubicle showers for girls to change.

The Committee noted the updates from Andy England and Paul Thompson.

14/03/2023 - No 12 To receive an update on the removal of Patchway Town Council's Bus Shelter

The Committee noted an update on damage to the bus shelter and a residential fence at Durban Road in an incident involving a Stagecoach bus. The damaged shelter has been removed by South Gloucestershire, tarmac replaced and a bus post erected. An insurance claim for the damage and making good has been submitted to Stagecoach insurers by the Town Council.

14/03/2023 - No 13 To receive an update on the Pollinator Fund grant application.

The Committee noted an update on a grant application that has been made to the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Pollinator Fund to create and enhance biodiversity by improving pollinator habitat at Pretoria Road Allotments. Positive feedback has been received with a number of queries requested. Final decision expected in June.

14/03/2023 - No 14 To receive an update on open spaces work carried out by South Gloucestershire Council.

The Committee noted an update that South Gloucestershire Streetcare have received additional funding to undertake extra work in Patchway which has included signage cleaning, graffiti removal at bus stops, back lane clearing of weeds and repair to broken fences at The Tumps. An article will be added to the next newsletter and website.

14/03/2023 - No 15 To note that the date of the next Parks, Open Space, Planning and Transport Committee meeting will be determined at the Annual Meeting of Patchway Town Council on 16th May 2023.

Noted.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 21.00



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Town Clerk's Report

Actions from the meeting of the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

14/03/2023 - No 8. To consider the proposal from One Planet Matters in relation to the community orchard at The Tumps.

The community orchard idea will need a detailed plan to be drawn up. Councillors are advised that this will be possible when a new Clerk is in place.

14/03/2023 - No 12 To receive an update on the removal of Patchway Town Council's Bus Shelter.

A settlement had been agreed and paid to Patchway Town Council. It is not envisaged that the shelter will be replaced due to the costs involved with vandalism and anti-social behaviour at this particular location. A sign indicates where the stop is.



400 - Youth and Community

Nominal Code	Centre	Budget Heading	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	Notes
4845	400	Community Events	£ 6,540.00	£ 6,200.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,500.00	Look for grants for events/community engagement.
4865	400	Patchway People Newsletter	£ 3,000.00	£ -					
4867	400	Community Events/Engagement	£ 500.00	£ -					
4868	400	Monthly Newsletter	£ 200.00	£ 200.00					
4869	400	Youth Development	£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00					To fund any youth work or projects throughout the year including FACE, SG Playscheme and Twinning trip for secondary school pupils.
		Total	£ 25,240.00	£ 21,400.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 22,500.00	£ 22,500.00	£ 22,500.00	
		Net Expenditure	£ 25,240.00	£ 21,400.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 22,500.00	£ 22,500.00	£ 22,500.00	Notes



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Quotation for Play Equipment at Norman Scott Park

The children's play area at Norman Scott Park is currently in a state of disrepair, especially in the older children's section at the rear of the main playground. Due to vandalism, we have had to remove the bird nest swing and rope climber. We also now have to remove the existing Kopman Unit (seat and swizzle sticks) due to excessive wear and tear and parts not being available.

Patchway Town Council has invested over £2,000,000 into Scott Park since 2020 but sadly the play area facilities have not kept up the usage that the park gets. With the introduction of a new family friendly café and the reinvigoration of Patchway Sports and Social Club, it is a necessity to get this play area returned to a useable state.

The Council have received a quote from preferred supplier, GB Sports and Leisure for this work. The Council contacted two other companies, who have not provided a quote. The quotes are attached as an appendix.

Funding for this project should be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy as well as other Earmarked Reserves and budget headings as shown below:

EMR – CIL 2022/2023	£13,384
CIL 2023/2024	£18,696
EMR – Sport and Play Equipment	£1,500
EMR – Youth Equipment	£3,654
New Projects	£15,000 (leaving £30k loose capital)
Total Available:	£52,234.00

Council Resolution

At the meeting on the 16th May 2023, Patchway Town Council unanimously agreed to purchase the below items, deferring a decision on the roundabout until the July Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport Committee.

Steel Group Swing	£5,835
Madera Combination Unit (statement piece)	£28,085
Total Expenditure:	£33,920

This will be funded from CIL (£32,080), EMR Sport and Play Equipment (£1500) and EMR Youth Equipment (£340).

The third piece of equipment was a roundabout to replace the existing iteration in Scott Park.

At the meeting on the 16th May 2023, the price of the equipment with installation from preferred suppliers, GB Sports and Leisure was as below.

Roundabout	£6,422.27
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Since this meeting, costs have risen, and the new quoted price is below.

Roundabout	£6,986.96
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Funding from this project has been sourced and we have received £1000 in Member Award Funding from the four district Councillors. Also, the Officers of the Council worked hard to reduce the main insurance policy thus leaving a surplus of £3384.30 in that budget. The project could be funded as below:

EMR – Youth Equipment	£3,314
MAF Funding	£1000
Virement from Insurance Budget on 110	£2672.96
Total Available:	£6,986.96

This shows that the Council can afford this and have room to manoeuvre within the underspent budget from the saving on the insurance policy.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of this report, that the Parks, Open Spaces, Planning and Transport committee recommend to Full Council the purchase of the roundabout for the Scott Park Play Area.

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QUOTE

Customer Name & Address Jack Turner Patchway Town Council Callicroft House 150 Rodway Road Patchway Bristol BS34 5DQ United Kingdom	Delivery Address Patchway Town Council Callicroft House 150 Rodway Road Patchway Bristol BS34 5DQ 01454 868530	FAO: Jack Turner Order Date: 22/06/2023 Your Acc No: PATCHWAY Your Order No: Carousel and install Taken By: Helen Our Ref 26742
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Qty	Code	Description	Price Each	Line Total	Line VAT
1.00	INSTALLATION	installation for the Carousel 1 as follows .. Remove and dispose of 2080mm diameter whechair roundabout Installation of Carousel 1 - infill surround with concrete supply and install EPDM ring around perimeter to repair rubber damaged form install and act as a wear pad provisions include ground re-instatement, plant and machinery, Heras fencing. Supply and Deliver	3,360.00	3,360.00	672.00
1.00	SP-100-001	Carousel 1 - 140cm diameter	3,481.96	3,481.96	696.39
1.00	IMPEX	IMPORT/EXPORT ADMIN FEE	145.00	145.00	29.00
Delivery				0.00	

Please check all order details including delivery address. Should the goods or order details be amended after despatch a re-stocking charge and/or a re-delivery charge maybe incurred.

Due to stipulations from our carriers any damaged or missing goods must be reported to us within 24 hours on receipt of delivery. Please check that the consignment has been received in good condition prior to the driver leaving. Please check the contents against the delivery note and advise us within 24 hours if goods are damaged or missing.

We reserve the right to pass on any fees and tariffs in respect of Brexit.

Please note, for any repair/installation works your "End User Status" is required prior to your order being processed.

Order Net:	6,986.96
VAT:	1,397.39
Total:	8,384.35
Pound sterling	

Quote Validity Period: 7 days
subject to confirmation

Registered Address: 96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 3NW

VAT Registration No: 634 5525 40
Company Reg No: 07524601

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Quote for Patchway Town Council - PATCHWAY - Order No: 26742

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. DEFINITION

In these terms and conditions:
"The Company" means GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd and its subsidiary or related companies –
"The Customer" means the person or organisation purchasing the goods or service.

2. QUOTATIONS

Quotations are produced based upon costs provided by suppliers. As some suppliers are based overseas, fluctuations in currency and transportation costs can result in changes to costings originally calculated and therefore The Company reserves the right to withdraw or amend quotations if necessary. The Customer will be re-quoted and given the opportunity to accept or decline the new quotation prior to proceeding with the order.

3. PAYMENT

Standard payment terms for customers with agreed credit accounts are 30 Days from date of invoice for all Customers.
Orders from customers who do not have an agreed credit account will only be accepted against prepayment in full.

Any extension of time to pay shall not be effective unless agreed in writing by the Company, before the supply of any goods or services. Amounts may not be withheld or delayed by the customer for returns or otherwise, without the written agreement of the Company.

b) The Company reserves the right to charge interest on a daily basis from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. The basis of the interest will be 8% above Santander Bank's base rate from time to time in force.

c) All costs incurred in recovering overdue debts including without limitation legal expenses will be payable by the customer.

d) The Company may terminate this agreement and/or withhold further supplies in the event of amounts payable being overdue, breach of any of these Terms and Conditions of Supply or any other reason which at the discretion of the Company warrants such action.

e) Where payment for goods or services is made by credit card, the Company reserves the right to charge a 3.0% card fee. No fee will be charged if payment is made on an individual's personal debit card. Business debit cards will be liable to the 3% card fee.

f) Where goods are to be imported from abroad to fulfil an order and the goods are costed to the Company in a foreign currency, the Company reserves the right to amend quoted prices in light of currency alterations prior to orders from suppliers being placed.

g) Quotations where goods are being imported to fulfil orders are only valid for a period of 14 days (subject to clause 2f above).

4. Prices

Whilst quotations will provide prices of goods or services, as some of the products offered are sourced from abroad, we reserve the right to vary the price where the cost to us of acquiring or supplying the Goods or Services is increased between the date of the quotation and delivery to account for, without limitation, increases in the cost of Goods or Services, carriage, packaging or taxes, duties or insurance, or increases arising from a change in exchange rates. Also, a change in delivery date, quantities, pricing errors or delay caused by your instructions.

5. PROPERTY AND RISK

a) Title to any goods supplied at any time to the customer by the Company shall not pass to the customer, notwithstanding delivery of any goods or any documents representing them, until payment in full for any and all such goods supplied and all other amounts on any account whatsoever due from the customer to the Company has been made in full by the customer.

b) Until the passing of property under clause 3a) above, the customer shall be the bailee of the goods for the Company and:

i) Shall keep the goods in its possession and control, intact and in good condition;

ii) pending the passing of property in the Goods under clause 3a) above, the customer shall not dispose of, charge or encumber any of the goods or purport to do so except that the Company licenses the customer to supply the goods on arm's length terms in the ordinary course of its business.

c) For the avoidance of doubt, arms length terms will allow the customer to supply on the goods to a third party, but if the passing of property under clause 3a above has not been fulfilled at the point of supply, the customer must make their client aware that title of the goods or service remains with the Company until full payment is received by the Company.

d) The Company shall be entitled at any time before the passing of property in the Goods under clause 3a) above, to terminate the license granted to the Customer under clause 3b) (ii) above and to enter upon the Customer's premises (or any other premises where the goods are kept) for the purpose of removing them.

e) The illegality or enforceability of any part of clause 3 shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remainder of clause 3 and if any part of clause 3 is held not to be valid if part of the wording were deleted or modified then that provision shall apply with such modification as may be necessary to make it enforceable.

f) Goods supplied by the Company are at the customer's risk from the time they are duly delivered to the relevant delivery address or if the Customer is responsible for collecting the goods from the time they leave the Company's premises. The customer will be responsible for insuring the goods while they are at its risk.

g) If goods are supplied on a sale or return basis, unless previously agreed in writing, the details of the returns policy is stated below:-

Prior authorization is required as long as:-

6. DELIVERY

As our deliveries are normally undertaken by external carriers, we are not always able to control the timing of the delivery or, provide advance notice of the carrier's arrival.

A) All delivery times are approximates only. Exceeding the delivery time, for any reason whatsoever, shall not entitle The Customer to claims for non-fulfilment of any obligation assumed towards the Company, including any compensation, unless the Customer has evidence of intent or gross negligence on the part of the Company.

B) If the Customer is unable to accept the delivery of goods that have been ordered from the Company, then the Company is entitled to charge any additional costs of transport and storage to the Customer without any further notice.

C) If the Customer's delivery locations are unmanned for periods of time, or no person who is authorised to accept receipt of consignments is present, this should be notified by the Customer to The Company at the initial enquiry, in order that arrangements for timed deliveries can be quoted for by The Company.

D) For the avoidance of doubt, the Company will not offer to leave goods at the point of delivery, unless a specific written request is made by the Customer. The Customer takes full liability for the loss or damage of any goods delivered on such consignments.

E) Prices for delivery whether published on a price list or on the Company website, are applicable to UK mainland addresses only. For delivery to offshore or foreign addresses, a separate carriage price quotation will have to be obtained.

7. RETURNS POLICY

Any returned products must be in good clean resalable condition without defacing marks, stickers or damage. If these conditions are not met, GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd reserve the right to return any shipment at the Customer's cost without credit.

The Company reserve the right to apply a 25% handling fee in respect of the return of products or the cancellation of orders for stocked products. Where a cancelled order is for non stocked goods or special services, the Company reserve the right to charge 100% of the invoice value.

8. COMPANY'S LIABILITY

a) The Company does not make or give any warranty, representation or undertaking as to the quality of the Goods, their correspondence with description or fitness for purpose that the Goods are not defamatory, injurious, obscene, unlawful, or in breach of copyright in any other manner whatsoever.

b) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this clause, claims for any damage to or shortages in goods delivered must be notified to the Carrier and the Company at the time of delivery (if the Goods are inspected by or on behalf of the Customer at the time of delivery) or, if the Goods are not so inspected, immediately upon inspection after delivery and in both cases confirmed to the Carrier and the Company in writing within 1 day of delivery. Written notice of claims for non-delivery must be given to the Company within 1 day of the delivery date. On no account will claims be considered if notified outside of these periods.

c) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this clause the Company will not in any circumstances be liable to the customer or any successor or assignee of the customer in respect of any loss of whatsoever nature occurring to the customer

arising from the supply of goods or from non-delivery, delayed delivery, damage to or loss of the goods owing to any act or omission by the company (including negligence) or any cause not within the company's control including (without limitation) fire, flood, accident, strike, riot, lock-out, trade dispute, industrial action, terrorism, nuclear accident, war, insurrection, act or restraint of Government.

d) The customer shall notify the Company forthwith in writing of any claim for infringement of any patent, copyright, design, trade mark or other industrial or intellectual property rights in the goods covered by this invoice of which the customer becomes aware.

e) No variation to these terms and conditions shall be binding unless agreed in writing between the authorised representatives of the Company and the customer.

f) By accepting delivery of the goods from the Company the customer acknowledges receipt and thereby agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions and further acknowledges that these terms and conditions comprise the only terms and conditions which goods are supplied and that they shall not be deemed to be, altered or varied to any extent by any previous correspondence between the Company and the customer or by provision by the customer to the Company or any other terms and conditions in respect of the Company's goods.

9. Safety surfacing – supply and installation

Polyurethane binders darken in colour in hot, sunny conditions. This can cause discolouration of the surface. This is normally temporary and the discolouration of binder wears off the surface with use. Temporary discolouration is not a defect.

All colours are subject to ultra violet light degradation and as such total colour stability cannot be guaranteed, especially with bright red, bright yellow and orange. Polyurethane bound surfaces will emit an odour when first laid. The odour will diminish with use and is not a defect.

Rubberised surfaces such as wet pour and rubber mulch, together with resin bound path products can sometimes be slippery on initial use. Care should be taken if damp ground conditions prevail when the surfaces are first used.

Rubber mulch surfacing is comprised of a relatively open matrix of shredded rubber. Air-borne seeds can germinate in this matrix, resulting in vegetative growth in the surface. This is not an installation defect. Should this occur treat the affected areas with a weed killer available from any garden centre. Rubber mulch and rubber track surfaces will darken in shade over time.

Repairs to wet pour and mulch-style surfaces: it is impossible to guarantee repairs to these types of surfaces, as we are repairing surfaces laid by other contractors, as it is impossible to ascertain the strength of the original surfaces and whether or not they will continue to move in the future, which could affect the integrity of our repairs. The finished surface level of repairs may vary by up to 5mm from the surrounding surface.

Installation: Quotations which include installation are based upon above ground observations, service drawings (if available) and information supplied.

If any below ground obstructions or adverse digging conditions are encountered which affect the progress of work you will be advised immediately and asked how you wish to proceed.

10. TERMINATION

a) This agreement shall terminate forthwith if an order is made for bankruptcy of or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up of the customer or if the customer being a company is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the insolvency Act 1986 or any statutory re-enactment or modification thereof, or makes a composition with creditors or if a supervisor, receiver, administrator, administrative receiver or other encumbrancer takes possession of or is appointed over the whole or any part of the assets of the customer.

b) The Company reserves the right to terminate this Agreement with the customer at any time if trading terms and conditions are violated by the customer.

c) Termination of this Agreement shall not affect any rights or obligations of the parties hereto arising prior to such termination.

11. LAW

a) All contracts under these terms shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of England and all disputes shall be submitted to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

b) The Company sell to business customers only. Therefore the distance selling regulations do not apply to sales made by GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd via means of telephone, fax, e-mail & on-line. By making a purchase from the Company, you will be deemed to have accepted our terms and conditions of trading.

Mr Jack Turner
Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
Patchway Town Council
Callicroft House
Rodway Road
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BS34 5DQ

Sent via e-mail

Dear Jack,

RE: Storage Building at Allotments for Patchway Town Council

The Town Council have asked me to write a letter to explain/confirm whether a building erected on hardstanding at the allotments needs planning permission.

The building measures 2.7m (h) x 6m (w) and 6m (l).

I can confirm that The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 SCHEDULE 2 'Development by local authorities' applies to Town and Parish Council exercising their functions as a local authority. The section below explains the regulations which determine what qualifies as Permitted Development i.e. does not need planning permission.

"Class A Permitted development

A. The erection or construction and the maintenance, improvement or other alteration by a local authority or by an urban development corporation of—

(a) any small ancillary building, works or equipment on land belonging to or maintained by them required for the purposes of any function exercised by them on that land otherwise than as statutory undertakers;

(b) lamp standards, information kiosks, passenger shelters, public shelters and seats, telephone boxes, fire alarms, public drinking fountains, horse troughs, refuse bins or

baskets, barriers for the control of people waiting to enter public service vehicles, electric vehicle charging points and any associated infrastructure, and similar structures or works required in connection with the operation of any public service administered by them."

The Criteria for Class A includes:

"A.2 The reference in Class A to any small ancillary building, works or equipment is a reference to any ancillary building, works or equipment not exceeding 4 metres in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity.."

The building in question meets the criteria and therefore qualifies as Permitted Development under the Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

Kit Stokes

Director

Stokes Morgan Planning Ltd

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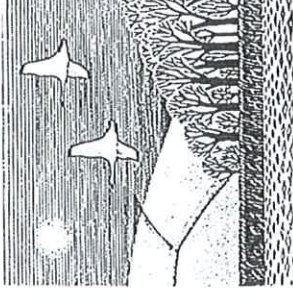
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1 INTRODUCTION

This is the report of an ecological survey of the corridor of open spaces running between the woodland around Turner's Pond in the north-west (ST595 826) and the rough land to the east of the BMX track at ST602 821. The area was previously surveyed in 1999 and 2000 and this allowed identification of trends affecting the habitats in the area.

2 METHODS

Survey visits were made on 17th March, 24th March, 21st April and 16th May 2023. The site was divided into areas of more or less uniform vegetation and plant species lists were compiled for each, with an assessment of the frequency of each species. Birds seen and heard were also recorded; species lists of insects were compiled during the may visit, cold weather precluded any meaningful recording on the previous visits.

3 SURVEY RESULTS

3.1 Site Description

The survey site consists of a series of discrete parcels of vegetation along the line of a tunnel on the South Wales railway line. They include areas of species-poor grassland, species-rich grassland, scrub and woodland, some of which have developed on spoil heaps created during construction of the railway. The woodland at the north-western end of the site includes evidence of old quarrying activity. The site is now used for a mixture of formal and informal recreation and nature conservation. The earlier surveys identified several features of interest, notably vegetation associated with ancient woodland and species-rich grassland, and a population of broad-leaved spurge.

3.2 Area Descriptions

The areas described below are shown on the attached map and species lists are included as appendices. The 2000 report included species lists from the most interesting areas, largely based on surveys carried out in 1999, and these are included as part of Appendix 1; the results of the 2023 surveys of the other areas are given at Appendix 2 and bryophytes recorded are listed at Appendix 3.

Area 1

This area of grassland is used intensively for recreational activities, including football, and is mown short. It is dominated by perennial rye-grass (*Lolium perenne*) with a limited range of herb species, which include creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*) and white clover (*Trifolium repens*).

There are hedges on the northern, eastern and southern edges of the area. The eastern hedge has a line of semi-mature sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) trees and trees have recently been planted along the southern edge of the area.

Area 2

This is an area of scrub that has developed on a mound known as The Tump. It has frequent hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), bramble (*Rubus fruticosus agg*) and blackthorn (*Prunus domestica*), with small trees of ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). The top of the mound has some notably large coppice stools of hazel (*Corylus avellana*) with good quantities of holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*). The western fringe of the area has locally frequent wild privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*) and dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*). The ground flora beneath the scrub is overwhelmingly dominated by ivy (*Hedera helix*), with occasional cuckoo-pint (*Arum maculatum*) and smaller quantities of other species including hart's-tongue fern (*Phyllites scolopendrium*), male fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*), wood sedge (*Carex sylvatica*) and bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scriptus*).

Area 3

This is another area of species-poor grassland dominated by perennial rye-grass with a low diversity of herb species including ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), cut-leaved cranesbill (*Geranium dissectum*) and common vetch (*Vicia sativa*).

Area 4

The Beacon has a mixture of scrub and species-rich grassland. The former is similar to that present on The Tump, with ground flora species including male fern and hart's-tongue fern. There is a very large goat willow (*Salix caprea*) on the western edge of the area.



Mature goat willow, area 4

The grassland is on the top of the mound and is surrounded by a fringe of gorse (*Ulex europaea*), which has recently been burnt. Grassland species extend down the steps on the western and eastern edges of the mound. The area supports a range of grass species, which include red fescue (*Festuca rubra*), upright brome (*Bromopsis erecta*) and yellow oat-grass (*Trisetum flavescens*). Herbs are frequent in the sward and species present in good quantity include common bird's-foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), meadow vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*) and thyme-leaved sandwort (*Arenaria serpyllifolia*). Herbs present in smaller quantities include black knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), agrimony (*Agrimonia eupatoria*), field woodrush (*Luzula campestris*) and rue-leaved saxifrage

(*Saxifraga tridactylites*). The edges of anthills and recently burnt areas support a good diversity of small mosses, which include *Bryum rubens*, *Bryum ruderale* and *Funaria hygrometrica*.



Grassland clearing, The Beacon



Area recently burnt, The Beacon

Area 5

The grassland in this small area is slightly more diverse than those described above at 1 and 3: additional species include meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*) and cuckoo flower (*Cardamine pratensis*). Trees, including pedunculate oak (*Quercus robur*), field maple (*Acer campestre*) and rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), have recently been planted in the area.

Area 6

This is a small area of planted woodland to the north of area 5. The tree canopy is even-aged and includes ash, hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and field maple. The understorey is sparse, although better developed on the margins of the area, and includes hawthorn, dogwood and wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*); field maple is regenerating well, with many small saplings present. The ground flora is also rather sparse where shaded but is locally diverse, particularly in the eastern part of the area. Species present here include bluebell, sweet violet (*Viola odorata*) and red campion (*Silene dioica*).

Area 7

This is a dense area of scrub dominated by hawthorn, blackthorn and bramble, with scattered trees that include sycamore, ash and apple (*Malus domestica*). The southern part of the area has some large pedunculate oak trees. There is a wide fringe of tall-herb vegetation on the edge of the area; this is dominated by stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*), hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*) and false oat-grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*).

Area 8

The woodland here is the best developed on the site and although there is evidence of small-scale quarrying and other activities, it has several characteristics of ancient woodland. The tree canopy is dominated by ash, with other species including sycamore and wild cherry (*Prunus avium*); the southern corner of the wood has several large goat willows and pedunculate oak is locally frequent in the western part of the wood, where there are small quantities of midland hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) and single trees of crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*) and pear (*Pyrus communis*). The pond is surrounded by recently pollarded white willow (*Salix alba*) trees and there is a yew (*Taxus baccata*) tree on its edge. The understorey is well developed. It has frequent hazel, hawthorn and holly, with species present in smaller quantity including red currant (*Ribes rubrum*), wych elm (*Ulmus glabra*) and dogwood; wilson's honeysuckle (*Lonicera nitida*) and cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) are locally frequent. The most frequent ground flora species is ivy, but there are areas dominated by dog's mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) and several small patches of bluebell. Ferns are scattered throughout the wood and are most frequent in the southern corner, where there are good quantities of both hard and soft shield ferns (*Polystichum aculeatum* and *setiferum*); wood melick (*Melica uniflora*) is frequent in the same area.

Area 9

A significant area of species-rich grassland has developed on ballast and exposed sub-soil in an area to the east of the BMX track. Grasses make up a small proportion of the sward here but include red fescue and common bent (*Agrostis capillaris*). Herbs are frequent here; species present in good quantity include common bird's-foot trefoil, meadow vetchling and spring whitlow-grass (*Erophila verna*), less frequent species include centaury (*Centaureum erythraea*), common storksbill (*Erodium cicutarium*) and broad-leaved spurge (*Euphorbia platyphyllos*).



Broad-leaved Spurge .

3.3 Birds

Records of birds heard and seen are included in the tables at Appendices 1 and 2.

A total of 25 species was recorded across the four visits, although more would doubtless be added at different times of the year. Notable species include bullfinch in areas 4 and 6; green woodpecker in area 8; lesser whitethroat in area 4; song thrush in areas 6 and 8; whitethroat in area 4; willow warbler in area 6 (although as a passage migrant only).

3.4 Insects

Insects recorded during the May visit are listed in Appendix 4; this represents only a very small proportion of the species actually present and further visits would reveal greater diversity. The greatest diversity of species was recorded in Area 4 (The Beacon), particularly around the grassland clearing at the top of the area and the fringe of scrub on its northern edge. Eight species of bee and

twelve species of fly were amongst the insects recorded here. The edge of the plantation at area 6 was also diverse, with fourteen species of fly recorded here.

4 ASSESSMENT

4.1 Introduction

The biodiversity value of the various features on the site has been assessed in order to determine whether they are of nature conservation value in a national, regional or county context, of either high or low value in a local context, or of minimal nature conservation value. The assessment has used standard ecological criteria, such as diversity, rarity, fragility and amenity value. Reference has been made to suitable guidance, including the 2006 NERC Act and the UK and South Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs). The value of the site for groups not fully surveyed, including invertebrates, has been assessed using information gathered on habitat type and structure.

Assessments of species rarity have been informed by the various atlases of local wildlife published by Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre (BRERC) and by reference to the BRERC and National Biodiversity Network (NBN) websites, as well as by personal knowledge.

4.2 Woodlands and Scrub

The primary criterion used in assessing the nature conservation value of woodlands is the age of the habitat: ancient woodlands support a wider range of species than do more recent (secondary) woodlands; the presence of species known as ancient woodland indicators can be used to assess the age of woodlands – very few of these species are entirely restricted to ancient woodland but the diversity and frequency of these species is a good guide to age. Ancient woodlands are recognised in government policy as irreplaceable habitats and are given a very high level of protection.

Other important criteria used in evaluating woodlands include: the extent of the site and the degree of linkage to other habitats – many woodland species require large areas of suitable habitat; the structure of the woodland – the presence of a dense understorey, for instance, can be important to a range of birds; and the presence of associated features such as dead wood, which can support a wide range of fungus and invertebrate species.

The most valuable of the woodlands on the site is at Area 8, surrounding Turner's Pond. This supports a range of ancient woodland indicator species. The most notable of these is midland hawthorn, which is present in small quantity at the western end of the wood. This species is locally uncommon, although there is a small concentration of records further north in South Gloucestershire. It is

particularly rare in the Bristol conurbation. Other ancient woodland indicator species recorded here include hairy brome (*bromus ramosus*), giant fescue (*Festuca gigantea*), wood melick (*Melica uniflora*), wood millet (*Milium effusum*), bluebell, goldilocks buttercup (*Ranunculus auricomus*) and wood speedwell (*Veronica montana*). The diversity of mosses and liverworts is high for such a small site, partly reflecting the locally damp conditions. Locally uncommon species include the liverwort *Metzgeria fruticulosa* and the moss *Orthotrichum pulchellum*, both of which grow on tree trunks and branches. The potential of the wood for birds is limited by its small size, but woodland specialists such as chiffchaff and nuthatch were recorded here; green woodpecker was also present, although it was not determined whether it actually breeds in the wood. Relatively few insect species were recorded in the wood, compared to some of the other areas: this is probably due to the difficulty of locating insects in woodland habitats rather than to an actual absence of species.

The woodland at area 8 is of nature conservation value in a South Gloucestershire context.

The other woodland areas are of significantly lower nature conservation value, but they all have features of ecological significance. The small plantation at area 6 supports a small diversity of specialist woodland plant species, including bluebell and sweet violet. Other areas also support woodland plant species: these include wood sedge (*Carex sylvatica*), hart's-tongue fern and bluebell at area 2 (The Tump); and hart's-tongue fern and male fern at area 4 (The Beacon). The woodland and scrub habitats in these areas support a reasonable diversity of birds, which include bullfinch, chiffchaff, greenfinch, lesser whitethroat and whitethroat at area 4; chiffchaff and greenfinch at area 6; and bullfinch and chiffchaff at area 7. Area 6 also supports a good diversity of insects; these are mostly widespread species, but BRERC has only two other records of the horned treehopper *Centrotus cornutus* in South Gloucestershire.

These areas are of high nature conservation value in a local context.

The other areas of scrub are of lower nature conservation value but they all have features of interest: area 2 has large coppice stools and woodland species, including bluebell, in the ground flora; the scrub component of area 4 has a notably large goat willow and supports bullfinch; and area 7 has good populations of trees, including apple, and supports song thrush.

These areas are of low nature conservation value in a local context,

4.3 Grasslands

The grasslands of highest nature conservation value are those that have developed on soils of low nutrient status: most agricultural and amenity grassland has been treated with fertilisers, which drastically reduces the diversity of both plants and invertebrates.

Grasslands that have escaped such treatments are known as unimproved grasslands. They are now very rare and are recognised in government policy as Habitats of Principal Importance, and in BAPs as priority habitats. Although true examples of such habitats occur on traditionally managed agricultural land, grasslands that have developed on nutrient-poor substrates on made land often share many of the characteristics of unimproved grassland and have similar nature conservation value. As with woodlands, the value of grasslands can be assessed by the presence of indicator species.

Other important criteria in assessing grasslands include structural diversity: features such as banks, anthills and patches of bare ground add significantly to potential value for invertebrates. Grasslands that have developed on made ground are often particularly structurally diverse and therefore of high value for invertebrates.

The most valuable grasslands on the site are the small area at the top of area 4 (The Beacon) and area 9 (the open area to the east of the BMX track). Area 4 supports the following 15 indicator species of unimproved grassland: upright brome, agrimony, thyme-leaved sandwort, glaucous sedge, black knapweed, centaury, wild carrot, meadow vetchling, ox-eye daisy, common bird's-foot trefoil, field woodrush, early forget-me-not, mouse-ear hawkweed, rue-leaved saxifrage and hoary ragwort. Area 9 supports the following 17 indicator species: upright brome, agrimony, glaucous sedge, centaury, wild carrot, common storks-bill, meadow vetchling, rough hawkbit, ox-eye daisy, fairy flax, common bird's-foot trefoil, meadow vetchling, rough hawkbit, ox-eye daisy, fairy flax, common bird's-foot trefoil and tufted vetch. An oddity at area 4 is the presence of three-nerved sandwort in the grassland; this species is usually considered an indicator species of ancient woodland. The most uncommon plant species recorded on the whole site is broad-leaved spurge, which is present in small quantity at area 9, germinating in patches of bare soil. This is a plant of traditionally managed arable farmland, rather than grassland, and is a vestige of the wheatfields that once dominated this area; it was recorded here in the 1880s although even then it was noted to have declined. It now has a very restricted range nationally, although the longevity of its seedbank in the soil means that it is able to exploit bare ground as it becomes available, as it has here.

Area 4 is of particular interest for invertebrates, despite its small size. The hoverfly *Cheilosia vulpina*, which is present here, has not previously been recorded in South Gloucestershire, although there are records from three sites in Bristol. The diversity of bee species recorded is fairly good, considering that this is based on a single visit. The most uncommon of any of the species recorded on the whole site is the club-horned wasp *Monosapyga clavicornis*, which was seen on the northern edge of the area. This wasp is a parasitoid of bees, chiefly sleepy carpenter bee *Chelostoma florissomne*: the host was not recorded, but is presumably present, it requires dead wood to build its nest and plentiful flowers, particularly buttercups. The moth small yellow underwing is a fairly uncommon species associated with diverse grassland; it disappeared from 40% of its former range across Britain and Ireland between 1980 and 2016.

Area 9 appears to be of lower interest for invertebrates, but the moth latticed heath, which was recorded here, is associated with species-rich grassland. It declined in abundance across Britain and Ireland by 85% between 1970 and 2016, one of the steepest declines recorded for any moth species.

These two areas are of high nature conservation value in a local context.

The other grasslands have been improved and although a few grassland species have survived at area 5, none has significant nature conservation value.

4.4 Overall Value

The habitats described here do not exist in isolation.

They are of particular value in providing an east-west corridor of mixed habitats, proving a link between habitats along the M5 verge and, beyond the motorway, a complex of grassland and woodland habitats and scrub along the railway cutting, which ultimately links to important habitats around Parkway station and open countryside to the east of the Bristol conurbation.

The areas surveyed here have high importance in a local context as part of a wildlife corridor.

5 TRENDS

It is possible to compare the species lists from some of the areas with those compiled in 1999. This is a time lapse of almost a quarter of a century so it is inevitable that some changes will have occurred, particularly against the backdrop of pressures such as climate change, habitat isolation associated with development in the surrounding area, and wider biodiversity loss. However, all of the areas surveyed have largely retained their nature conservation interest.

There have been some apparent gains in the grassland patch at area 4. These include indicator species of unimproved grassland, such as upright brome, thyme-leaved sandwort, rue-leaved saxifrage and hoary ragwort. There have also been apparent losses in the same area, including grassland indicator species such as lady's bedstraw, greater bird's-foot trefoil and goatsbeard. Several additional species associated with disturbed conditions were recorded in 2023, presumably a consequence of the recent fire. The nature conservation value of this area has remained more or less the same, with a comparable number of species of interest recorded in the two years.

There have been apparent gains in the woodland at area 8 that must be a reflection of greater survey effort in 2023 compared to the Wildlife Sites Team survey of 1999. Midland hawthorn and pear, for example, are significant apparent additions to the wood's

vegetation, but the plants are much more than 25 years old and must have been present in 1999. Some changes here might be genuine, however, These include the appearance since 1999 of Wilson's honeysuckle and cherry laurel. These two non-native species are both included in nearby landscaping schemes at Aztec West and this is the likely source of material for their colonisation here. The same factor may explain new records of beech and yew, native species that are present in nearby planting. The herbaceous species newly recorded in the woodland include some species of ancient woodland, such as hairy brome, wood melick and soft shield fern, there were no comparable losses from the species list. Most of the losses in the area are wetland species previously recorded in and around the pond; these include flote grass, lesser water-parsnip, frogbit, yellow flag, Canadian pondweed, parrot's feather and meadow-sweet. This loss reflects the more enclosed nature of the pond, which may have been effectively reversed by recent management. A less obvious trend is that several species associated with disturbed conditions were recorded in 1999 but not in 2023. These species include common ragwort, chickweed and broad-leaved dock. This trend, if genuine, is welcome.

The changes in the bird fauna of the wood partly reflect wider trends: blackcap, goldcrest and goldfinch have become more abundant over the last 25 years, and starling has become much less frequent. It is encouraging that some species that have become generally less frequent, such as chaffinch, greenfinch and green woodpecker, are still present in the wood.

The woodland at area 8 has retained its nature conservation value and the survey results even suggest that it has become slightly more valuable.

The other area with a species list from 1999 is the grassland at area 9. There have been various gains and losses at this area. Significant gains include upright brome, agrimony, glaucous sedge, common storksbill, perforate St John's wort, buckshorn plantain, rue-leaved saxifrage. Significant losses include meadow barley, yellow-wort and hop trefoil. To some extent these changes may reflect wider changes: rue-leaved saxifrage and buckshorn plantain, for example, have become more common since 1999 and yellow-wort has become less common. The most notable species recorded here, broad-leaved spurge, is present in roughly the same quantity now as it was in 1999.

This area has also maintained its nature conservation value.

6 MANAGEMENT

Some of the habitats of importance, notably the woodland at area 8, require little management to sustain their nature conservation value, but they could be enhanced by relatively small scale measures. Other areas, notably the species-rich grassland at area 4, require regular management to maintain their nature conservation value. Other areas are of relatively low value and could be

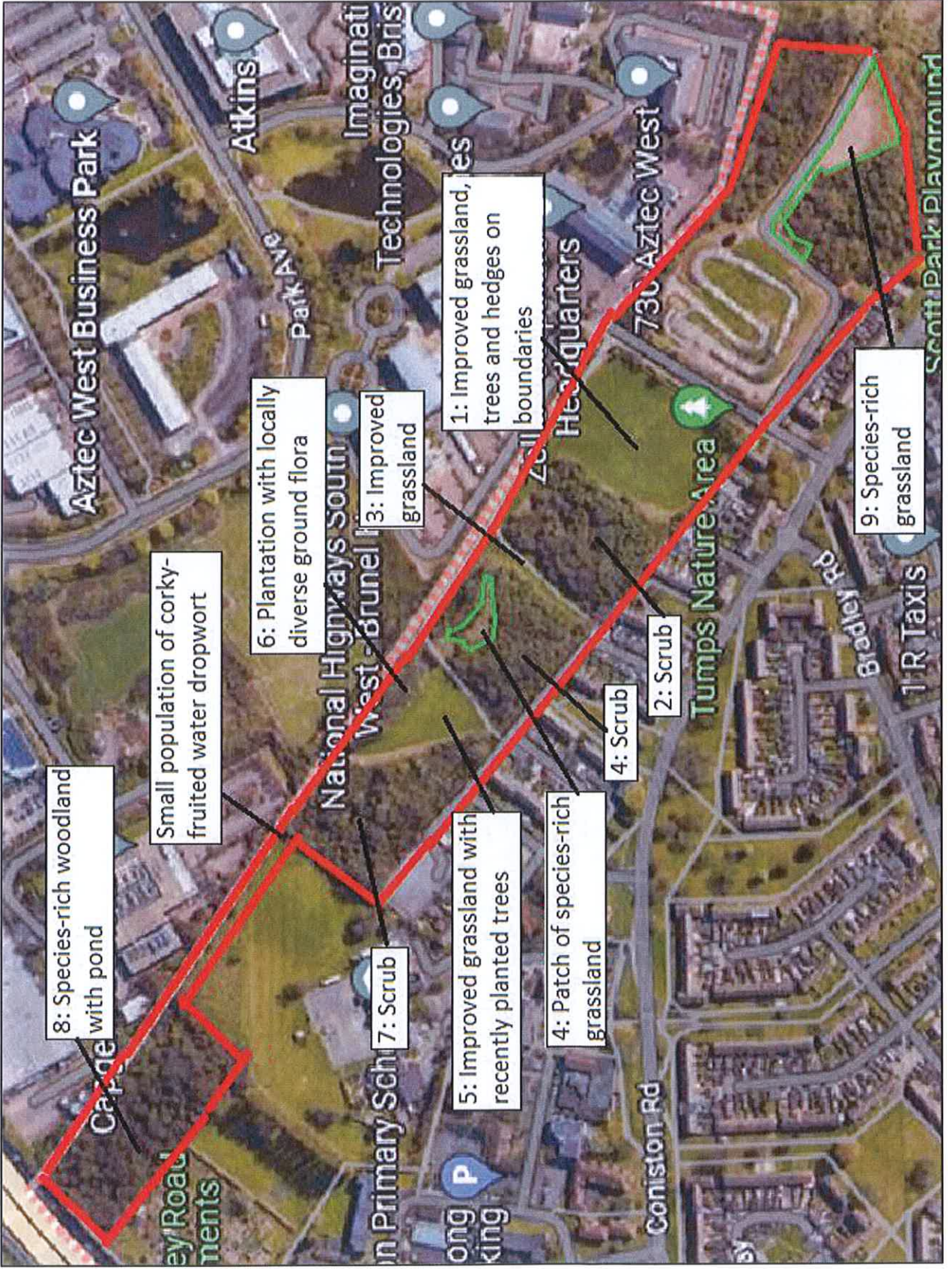
enhanced; an example of this is the recent tree planting in the species-poor grassland at area 5, which will significantly enhance the area's value as the trees mature.

The most urgent requirement is to ensure that the grassland at the top of the Beacon, at area 4, remains open as this area supports a high level of biodiversity and is susceptible to the growth of rank grasses and to scrub encroachment. A fire in 2022 had removed much of the encroaching and this has benefited the grassland interest of the site but would not be an acceptable method of management. A programme of scrub control on the edges of the area should be implemented and part of the grassland should be cut each year on rotation so that each area is cut every three years. After any cutting, the arisings must be gathered and removed or they will form a mulch, which would suppress plant growth and raise soil nutrient levels.

The grassland at area 9 would benefit from changes to management, if this is under the control of the Council. At present most of the area is mown early in the summer, which prevents plants from flowering and severely limits value for invertebrates, whilst other part of the area are unmanaged and are vulnerable to scrub encroachment. The area would benefit from a management regime involving an annual cut in late summer, with arisings removed, and from scrub control in the south-eastern corner.

The woodland at area 8 does not have many management needs, but removal of invasive alien species, notably cherry laurel and wilson's honeysuckle, would be beneficial as these evergreens shade out the ground flora and reduce biodiversity. The recent works around the pond have been beneficial in opening the waterbody up to more light. The impacts of the works should be monitored and they should be repeated as necessary.

Elsewhere on the site there is potential for enhancement through measures such as tree and hedge planting; allowing strips of tall grassland to develop around the edges of blocks of scrub; and provision of bird and bat boxes.



8: Species-rich woodland with pond

Small population of corky-fruited water dropwort

6: Plantation with locally diverse ground flora

3: Improved grassland

1: Improved grassland, trees and hedges on boundaries

7: Scrub

5: Improved grassland with recently planted trees

4: Patch of species-rich grassland

4: Scrub

2: Scrub

9: Species-rich grassland

APPENDIX 1: PLANT AND BIRD SPECIES LISTS, AREAS SURVEYED IN 1999/2000

	4		8		9	
	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023
Trees and shrubs						
Field maple	x	R	x	R	x	R
Norway maple	x					
Sycamore			x	O		
Alder	x		x	R		
Silver birch	x				x	
Old man's-beard	x	R	x	R		
Dogwood	x	RLF	x	R	x	RLF
Hazel		R	x	OLF	x	R
Midland hawthorn				R		
Hawthorn	x	OLF	x	R	x	O
Spindle			x	R		
Beech				R		
Ash	x	O	x	F	x	R
Holly			x	RLF		
Walnut					x	
Garden privet			x	R		
Wild privet	x	RLF	x	R		
Wilson's honeysuckle				R		
Honeysuckle			x	R		
Crab apple			x	R		
Aspen						
Wild cherry	x	R		R	x	
Cherry plum						R
Cherry laurel		R		R		

	4		8		9	
	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023
Blackthorn	x	OLF	x	RLF	x	RLF
Pear				R		
Pedunculate oak			x	RLF	x	R
Red current			x	O		
Field rose			x	R		
Dog rose			x	R	x	R
Bramble	x	F	x	F	x	RLF
White willow			x	R	x	
Goat willow		R	x	R		
Grey willow			x	R		
Crack willow				R		
Elder	x	R	x	R	x	R
Yew				R		
Lime					x	
Gorse	x	RLF		R	x	RLF
Wych elm			x	R		
English elm			x	RLF		
Wayfaring tree	x			R	x	R
Guelder rose			x		x	
Grasses						
Common bent	x	RLF			x	R
Creeping bent		RLF	x	R	x	O
Meadow foxtail	x	R		R		R
Sterile brome	x	R				
Sweet vernal grass					x	R
False oat-grass	x	RLF			x	RLF

	4			8			9		
	1999	2023		1999	2023		1999	2023	
Wood false-brome	x	R		x	RLF				
Upright brome		RLF						RLF	
Soft brome	x	O						R	
Hairy brome					R				
Crested dogstail	x	R					x	RLF	
Cocksfoot	x	R		x	R		x	R	
Tufted hair-grass							x		
Common couch							x		
Tall fescue		R					x	R	
Giant fescue				x	R				
Red fescue		RLF					x	O	
Flote-grass				x					
Yorkshire fog	x	RLF					x	R	
Meadow barley							x		
Perennial rye-grass							x	R	
Wood melick					RLF				
Wood millet				x	R				
Timothy	x	R					x	R	
Annual meadow-grass	x			x					
Smooth meadow-grass		R					x	R	
Wood meadow-grass					R				
Rough-stalked meadow-grass				x	R		x	R	
Golden oat-grass	x	R					x	R	
Herbs									
Yarrow	x	RLF					x	RLF	
Fool's parsley							x		

		4			8			9		
		1999	2023	RLF	1999	2023	RLF	1999	2023	RLF
Agrimony	<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	x								R
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>				x	R				
Hedge garlic	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	x	R		x	R				
Crow garlic	<i>Allium vineale</i>						x			R
Scarlet pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>						x			R
Cow parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	x	R		x	R				R
Greater burdock	<i>Arctium lappa</i>						x			
Common burdock	<i>Arctium minus</i>				x	R				R
Thyme-leaved sandwort	<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>		RLF							
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>							x		R
Cuckoo-pint	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	x	R		x	O				
Land-cress	<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>									R
Common daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	x	R		x					R
Lesser water-parsnip	<i>Berula erecta</i>				x					
Yellow-wort	<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>							x		
Water starwort	<i>Callitriche sp</i>				x	R				
Hedge bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>						x			R
Wavy bittercress	<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>				x	R				
Hairy bittercress	<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>		R		x					R
Cuckoo-flower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>					R				
Glaucous sedge	<i>Carex flacca</i>	x	RLF							RLF
Hairy sedge	<i>Carex hirta</i>									R
Pendulous sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i>				x	R				
Wood sedge	<i>Carex sylvatica</i>				x	R				
Black knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	x	R							
Centaur	<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	x	R					x		R
Common mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	x	RLF							R

	4			8			9		
	1999	2023		1999	2023		1999	2023	
Clustered mouse-ear		R							R
Rough chervil							X		
Rosebay willowherb	X	R					X		R
Enchanter's nightshade	X			X	R				
Creeping thistle	X	R					X		R
Spear thistle	X	R					X		R
Field bindweed	X	R					X		R
Swine-cress		R							R
Beaked hawksbeard	X	R							R
Wild carrot	X	RLF					X		RLF
Teasel		R					X		R
Broad buckler-fern				X	R				
Male fern	X	R		X	RLF				
Canadian pondweed				X					
Hairy willowherb	X	R		X	R				
Field horsetail		R					X		R
Greater horsetail				X					
Common storksbill									R
Spring whitlow-grass									RLF
Petty spurge							X		
Broad-leaved spurge							X		R
Black bindweed							X		
Meadowsweet				X					
Goosegrass	X	R		X	R				
Hedgerow bedstraw									R
Lady's bedstraw	X								
Cut-leaved cranesbill	X	R							R

	4		8		9	
	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023
Dovesfoot cranesbill		R				R
Herb robert	x	R	x	R	x	R
Wood avens		R	x	O		R
Ground-ivy	x			R		R
Ivy	x	OLF	x	A	x	
Hogweed	x	R	x	R	x	R
Spotted hawkweed	x					
Garden bluebell			x	R		
Bluebell			x	RLF		
Frogbit			x			
Hairy St John's wort			x			
Perforate St John's wort						RLF
Common catsear	x	R				
Yellow-flag			x			
Hard rush						R
Prickly lettuce					x	R
Red dead-nettle	x	RLF				
Nipplewort		R				R
Meadow vetchling	x	R			x	RLF
Rough hawkbit					x	RLF
Ox-eye daisy	x	R			x	O
Fairy flax					x	R
Common bird's-foot trefoil	x	RLF			x	RLF
Greater bird's-foot trefoil	x					
Field woodrush	x	R				
Pineappleweed						x
Stinking mayweed					x	

		4			8			9		
		1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023	
Black medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	x	RLF			x		x	R	
Dog's mercury	<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>			x			OLF			
Three-nerved sandwort	<i>Moehringia trinervia</i>		R							
Grape hyacinth	<i>Muscaria armenicum</i>						R			
Common forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	x	RLF							
Early forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	x	R							
Parrot's feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>			x						
Garden daffodil	<i>Narcissus cultivar</i>			x						
Red bartsia	<i>Odontites verna</i>							x	R	
Hart's-tongue fern	<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>		R	x			RLF			
Bristly oxtongue	<i>Picris echioides</i>					x			R	
Mouse-ear hawkweed	<i>Pilosella officinale</i>	x	RLF							
Buckshorn plantain	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>								R	
Ribwort plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	x	RLF			x			R	
Rat's-tail plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	x	R			x			R	
Knotgrass	<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>							x		
Polypody	<i>Polypodium interjectum</i>						RLF			
Hard shield-fern	<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>			x			RLF			
Soft shield-fern	<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>						RLF			
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	x						x	R	
Creeping cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>							x	R	
Barren strawberry	<i>Potentilla sterilis</i>			x			R	x		
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>								R	
Meadow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	x	R	x			R	x	R	
Goldilocks buttercup	<i>Ranunculus auricomus</i>			x			R			
Bulbous buttercup	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>		R						R	
Lesser celandine	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>			x			O			

		4		8		9	
		1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023
Creeping buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	x	R	x	R		R
Common sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	x	R				
Curled dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	x	R			x	R
Broad-leaved dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>		R	x		x	R
Wood dock	<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>			x	O		
Slender pearlwort	<i>Sagina filicaulis</i>		R				
Procumbent pearlwort	<i>Sagina procumbens</i>						R
Rue-leaved saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga tridactyla</i>		R				R
Autumnal hawkbit	<i>Scorzoneroides autumnalis</i>						R
Common figwort	<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>			x	R		
Hoary ragwort	<i>Senecio erucifolius</i>		R				R
Common ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	x	R	x		x	R
Oxford ragwort	<i>Senecio squalidus</i>					x	
Groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>		R				R
Red campion	<i>Silene dioica</i>			x	R		
Charlock	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>					x	
Hedge mustard	<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>		R			x	
Woody nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	x					
Canadian goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>					x	
Prickly sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>		R			x	R
Smooth sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	x	R			x	R
Betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	x					
Marsh woundwort	<i>Stachys palustris</i>					x	
Hedge woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>			x	R		
Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>			x		x	R
Comfrey	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>						
Black bryony	<i>Tamus communis</i>		R	x	R		

		4			8			9		
		1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023	
Dandelion	Taraxacum vulgare agg	x	R	x	R	x	R	x	R	
Upright hedge parsley	Torilis japonica	x								
Goatsbeard	Tragopogon pratensis	x								
Hop trefoil	Trifolium campestre							x		
Lesser trefoil	Trifolium dubium		RLF					x	R	
Red clover	Trifolium pratense	x	R					x	R	
White clover	Trifolium repens	x	R					x	R	
Scentless mayweed	Tripleurospermum inodorum							x	R	
Tulip	Tulipa						R			
Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara							x		
Stinging nettle	Urtica dioica	x	RLF	x	RLF	x	RLF	x	R	
Corn-salad	Valerianella carinata								RLF	
Germander speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys					x	R			
Ivy-leaved speedwell	Veronica hederifolia		R			x	R			
Wood speedwell	Veronica montana					x	R			
Field speedwell	Veronica polita								R	
Thyme-leaved speedwell	Veronica serpyllifolia								R	
Tufted vetch	Vicia cracca							x	R	
Hairy tare	Vicia hirsuta		R					x	R	
Common vetch	Vicia sativa	x	R					x	R	
	Birds									
	Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Blackcap		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Blue tit		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Bullfinch		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Chaffinch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

	4		8		9	
	1999	2023	1999	2023	1999	2023
Chiffchaff		X	X	X		
Collared dove			X			
Crow			X			
Duncock		X		X		
Goldcrest				X		
Goldfinch		X		X		
Great tit				X		
Green woodpecker				X		
Greenfinch	X	X	X	X		
Jay				X		
Lesser whitethroat		X				
Magpie	X	X	X			
Nuthatch				X		
Robin		X		X		
Song thrush	X			X		
Starling	X			X		
Whitethroat		X				
Wood pigeon		X		X		
Wren	X	X	X	X		

Unshaded columns: 1999/2000 surveys Shaded columns: 2023 surveys

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APPENDIX 2: PLANT AND BIRD SPECIES LISTS, OTHER AREAS

		1	2	3	5	6	7
	Trees and shrubs						
Field maple	Acer campestre					R	
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus					R	
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus					O	
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea		RLF			RLF	
Hazel	Corylus avellana		R				
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		F			R	F
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		R			F	R
Holly	Ilex aquifolium		R				
Wild privet	Ligustrum vulgare		RLF			R	
Honeysuckle	Lonicera periclymenum		R				
Wild cherry	Prunus avium		R				R
Cherry plum	Prunus cerasifera		R				
Cherry laurel	Prunus laurocerasus		R				
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa					R	F
Pedunculate oak	Quercus robur						R
Flowering currant	Ribes sanguineum		R				
Dog rose	Rosa canina		R				R
Bramble	Rubus fruticosus agg		OLF				F
Elder	Sambucus nigra						R
Wayfaring tree	Viburnum lantana					R	
	Grasses						
Creeping bent	Agrostis stolonifera		R	R	R	R	R
Meadow foxtail	Alopecurus pratensis					R	
False oat-grass	Arrhenatherum elatius		R				RLF

	1	2	3	5	6	7
Soft brome	R			R		
Cocksfoot	R		R	R		
Yorkshire fog	R			R		
Perennial rye-grass	A		A	A		
Annual meadow-grass	R		R			
Rough-stalked meadow-grass	R	R	R	R	R	
Herbs						
Cow parsley		R			R	RLF
Common burdock		R				
Cuckoo-pint		R			R	R
Land-cress						
Common daisy	R			R		
Cuckoo-flower				R		
Pendulous sedge		R				
Wood sedge		R				
Rosebay willowherb		RLF				
Creeping thistle		R				
Spear thistle		R				
Teasel		R				
Hairy willowherb		R				R
Goosegrass		R			R	
Cut-leaved cranesbill			R	R		
Herb robert		R				
Wood avens						R
Ground-ivy		R				
Ivy		A			F	O
Hogweed		R			R	R

	1	2	3	5	6	7
Garden bluebell		R				
Bluebell		R			R	
Grape hyacinth		R				
Common forget-me-not		R		R		
Garden daffodil					R	
Hart's-tongue fern		R				
Ribwort plantain			R	R		
Rat's-tail plantain	R		R	R		
Silverweed						R
Lesser celandine		R			R	
Creeping buttercup	R		O	R		
Common sorrel						
Curled dock	R			R		
Broad-leaved dock				R	R	R
Wood dock					R	
Common ragwort			R	R		
Red campion					R	
Chickweed	R					
Dandelion	R		O	R	R	
White clover	O		F	O		
Stinging nettle		OLF				RLF
Ivy-leaved speedwell					R	
Field speedwell	R					
Common vetch			R			
Sweet violet					R	
Birds						
Blackbird		x			x	

	1	2	3	5	6	7
Blackcap		x				x
Blue tit		x				x
Bullfinch						x
Chiffchaff					x	x
Dunnoch		x				x
Goldfinch		x			x	
Great tit					x	
Greenfinch					x	
House sparrow	x					
Long-tailed tit		x				x
Magpie		x				
Robin		x				x
Song thrush					x	
Willow warbler					x	
Wood pigeon		x				x
Wren		x				

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APPENDIX 3: BRYOPHYTE (MOSS AND LIVERWORT) SPECIES LIST

Species	Notes	Species	Notes
<i>Amblystegium serpens</i>	Widespread, trees and soil	<i>Kindbergia praelonga</i>	Widespread, scrub
<i>Barbula convoluta</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9	<i>Metzgeria fruticulosa</i>	Trees, area 8
<i>Barbula unguiculata</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9	<i>Metzgeria furcata</i>	Widespread, trees
<i>Brachythecium rutabulum</i>	Widespread, trees and soil	<i>Neckera complanata</i>	Trees, area 8
<i>Bryum capillare</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9	<i>Orthotrichum affine</i>	Widespread, trees
<i>Bryum dichotomum</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9	<i>Orthotrichum pulchellum</i>	Trees, area 8
<i>Bryum pallens</i>	Bare ground, area 4	<i>Radula complanata</i>	Widespread, area 8
<i>Bryum rubens</i>	Bare ground, area 4	<i>Rhynchostegium confertum</i>	Widespread, dead wood etc
<i>Bryum ruderale</i>	Bare ground, area 4	<i>Syntrichia intermedia</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9
<i>Calliergonella cuspidata</i>	Widespread, grassland	<i>Ulota bruchii</i>	Trees, area 8
<i>Cololejeuna minutissima</i>	Trees, area 8	<i>Zygodon viridissimus</i>	Trees, area 8
<i>Cryphaea heteromalla</i>	Widespread, trees		
<i>Dicranella varia</i>	Bare ground, area 9		
<i>Didymodon fallax</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9		
<i>Didymodon insulanus</i>	Bare ground, areas 4 and 9		
<i>Fissidens taraxacoides</i>	Bare ground throughout		
<i>Frullania dilatata</i>	Widespread, trees		
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	Bare ground, area 4		
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	Widespread, trees		
<i>Hypnum resupinatum</i>	Widespread, trees		
<i>Isoetecium alopecuroides</i>	Trees, area 8		

APPENDIX 4 INSECT SPECIES LISTS, 2023

	2	4	6	7	8	9
Butterflies						
Speckled wood	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moths						
Latticed heath						X
Small yellow underwing		X				
Celypha lacunana		X				
Endothenia marginana		X				
Nematopogon swammerdamella			X			
Flies						
Baccha elongata			X			
Bibio leucopterus		X				
Bibio marci		X	X		X	
Cheilosia proxima		X				
Cheilosia vulpina		X				
Epistrophe eligans	X	X	X		X	
Episyrphus balteatus			X	X	X	X
Eristalis pertinax		X	X	X		
Eristalis tenax	X		X		X	
Eudasyphora cyanella			X			
Myathropea florea			X		X	
Pegomya solennis		X			X	
Phytomyza ilicis			X	X	X	
Pipizella viduata			X			
Platycheirus albimanus		X				
Rhingia campestris			X			
Rhingia rostrata						X
Syrphus ribesii		X	X		X	X
Syrphus vitripennis	X		X	X	X	X
Xanthogramma pedissequum			X			

	2	4	6	7	8	9
Beetles						
<i>Amara aenea</i>		X				
<i>Byturus tomentosus</i>			X			
<i>Cassida rubiginosa</i>	X					
<i>Grammoptera ruficornis</i>		X	X			
<i>Longitarsus jacobaeae</i>		X				
Bugs						
<i>Centrotus cornutus</i>			X			
<i>Eurydema oleracea</i>						X
Grasshoppers etc						
<i>Pholidoptera griseopatera</i>			X	X	X	
<i>Tetrix subulata</i>		X				
Damselflies						
<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>		X			X	
Bees and Wasps						
<i>Andrena scotica</i>		X		X		
<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>		X				
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Bombus pratorum</i>		X	X		X	
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>		X			X	X
<i>Lasioglossum leucozonium</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Monospyga clavicornis</i>		X				
<i>Nomada flava</i>		X				
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>		X				