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NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Monday 23 January 2023 at 10.00 am

Mansion House, Nonsuch Park

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Committee Members

Councillor Christopher Woolmer, London Borough of Sutton (Chair)

Councillor Kate Chinn, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Councillor Peter Geiringer, London Borough of Sutton

Councillor Colin Keane, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Councillor Louise Phelan, London Borough of Sutton

Councillor David Reeve, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Committee

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The deadline for registration of public questions for this meeting was: Noon, 9 January 2023.

AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the Public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes and the Restricted Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 October 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

4. FUTURE DATES FOR MEETING OF THE NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Pages 11 - 14)

To agree the dates for meetings of the Joint Management Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

5. **NONSUCH PARK BYELAWS REVIEW** (Pages 15 - 42)

A report to discuss updating the current Byelaws for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces: model byelaw set 2 and the option to introduce a Public Space Protection Order for dog control in the Park.

6. NONSUCH PARK HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2028 (Pages 43 - 170)

To present the committee with the Nonsuch Park Habitat Management Plan 2023-2028.

7. NJMC FINANCE UPDATE & 2023/24 BUDGET (Pages 171 - 180)

This report provides a forecast for 2022/23 and seeks the Joint Management Committee's approval of both the 2023/24 budget and the recommended contributions to be sought from the constituent authorities.

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Agenda Item 3

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Minutes of the Meeting of the NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held on 17 October 2022

PRESENT -

Councillor Christopher Woolmer (London Borough of Sutton) (Chair); Councillors Peter Geiringer (London Borough of Sutton), Colin Keane (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Louise Phelan (London Borough of Sutton) and David Reeve (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)

Absent: Councillor Kate Chinn (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)

Officers present: Jackie King (Interim Chief Executive), Mark Shephard (Head of Property and Regeneration), Andrew Bircher (Head of Policy and Corporate Resources), Brendan Bradley (Head of Finance), Samantha Whitehead (Streetcare Manager), Tony Foxwell (Senior Surveyor), Ian Wolstencroft (Contract Officer London Borough of Sutton), Mark Dalzell (Parks Manager, London Borough of Sutton) and Dan Clackson (Democratic Services Officer)

10 ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PRESIDE AS CHAIR

In the absence from the meeting of Councillor Christopher Woolmer (Chair), the Committee elected to appoint Councillor David Reeve to preside as Chair of the meeting.

Councillors Christopher Woolmer (Chair) and Louise Phelan were not present at the meeting at this time.

11 QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors in relation to items on the agenda.

13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Following matter was considered by the Committee:

a) Reason for previous absence: Councillor David Reeve wished to confirm that his absence from the previous meeting of the Committee was due to illness. This was noted by the Committee.

The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes and the Restricted Minutes of the Meeting of the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee held on 20 June 2022 and authorised the Presiding Chair to sign them.

Councillors Christopher Woolmer (Chair) and Louise Phelan were not present at the meeting at this time.

14 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report accompanying an update to the Work Programme for the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee following the last meeting on 20th June 2022.

Councillors Christopher Woolmer (Chair) and Louise Phelan were not present at the meeting at the start of the discussion of the item, and entered the meeting during the discussion of the item.

The following matters were considered by the Committee:

- a) Visitor survey: The Streetcare manager provided a verbal update to the Committee on the Visitor Survey that will be required to under-pin the updated Park Management Plan and Strategic Park Business Plan.
- Covid memorial bench: The Committee noted that the Nonsuch Park Covid memorial bench would soon be installed. It was noted by the Committee that the Covid memorial benches are an Epsom and Ewell Borough Council initiative, with one bench per ward, and that the Nonsuch Ward bench was to be located in Nonsuch park, with approval from Sutton Council, as it would be seen by a large number of people who visit the Park. The Committee noted there are policies in place with regard to the placement of flowers and paraphernalia on benches in the Park.
- c) Priority of item 5 (bylaws) of the Programme: It was agreed by the Committee that item 5 (bylaws) of the 'Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee Additional Work Programme Items 2022' (appendix to the report) be moved to high priority. It was agreed by the Committee that a set of proposed new bylaws would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration. The Committee noted the areas that would be addressed by the proposed bylaws, including cycling and the scattering of ashes within the Park.
- d) Removal of bollard at Sparrow Farm Road entrance to the Park: The Streetcare Manager explained that the bollard located at the Sparrow Farm Road entrance intended to restrict entry for motor-vehicle users also undesirably restricts entry for bicycle and mobility scooter users. She explained that keeping the bollard will require strong evidence and a trial

is to be conducted in which the bollard will be removed. If the trial provides evidence that suggests a need for a bollard, then it shall be returned.

- e) Park events: The Committee considered the possibility of increasing the number of events held in the Park. Suggestions included a possible joint event with Epsom & Ewell for the Cheam Charter Fair, or a Christmas Fair at the Park. This was noted by the Streetcare Manager.
- f) Car park stewardship at Park Run events: The Committee agreed that, prior to Park Run events expected to draw large numbers of visitors arriving by car, a letter signed by the Chair be provided to Park Run event organisers requiring the presence of additional stewards to manage visitor parking and prevent parking in unauthorised areas.
- g) Letter of thanks to Nonsuch Voles: It was agreed by the Committee that a letter of thanks, signed by the Chair, would be provided to the Nonsuch Voles in appreciation of their work for the Park.
- h) Committee Charitable status update: The Head of Policy and Corporate Resources provided a verbal update to the Committee on the attainment of a charitable status for the Committee. It was noted by the Committee that further legal expertise would be sought to ascertain the possibility and viability of gaining a charitable status.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

(1) Review the updated Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee Work Programme (appendix to the report) and progress made to date.

15 OFFERING OF THE CHAIR TO THE CHAIR

Immediately at the conclusion of the discussion of the COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME report (item 4 of the agenda), Councillor David Reeve (Presiding Chair) offered the chair to Councillor Christopher Woolmer (Chair), who had become present at the meeting.

Councillor Christopher Woolmer (Chair) offered apologies from himself and on behalf on Councillor Louise Phelan for their late arrival and explained that their lateness was due to an unexpected car issue. This was noted by the Committee.

16 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Committee passed a resolution to exclude the public from the meeting for Part Two of the Agenda on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A

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the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

17 PROPERTY UPDATE

The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Minute.

18 VERBAL UPDATE: PARK TOUR

The Streetcare Manager provided a verbal update on the proposed Park tour for Committee Members and Officers.

The following matters were considered by the Committee:

- a) Map, guide and vehicle for Park tour: The Committee considered the possibility of a Park map, Wildlife guide, and vehicle being provided for Members and Officers on the tour.
- **b) Emergency Information:** The Committee considered that the address and postcode of the Park and the location of defibrillators within the Park be written on the Park entrance boards to provide important information for use in emergencies.

The meeting began at 10.15 am and ended at 11.49 am

COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER WOOLMER (CHAIR)

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FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE NONSUCH PARK JOINT **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Head of Service: Andrew Bircher, Head of Policy and Corporate

Resources

Wards affected: Nonsuch Ward:

Appendices (attached):

Summary

To agree the dates for meetings of the Joint Management Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

Approve the following schedule of meeting dates

- a) Monday 19th June 2023 at 10.00 hours
- b) Monday 16th October 2023 at 10.00 hours
- c) Monday 22nd January 2024 at 10.00 hours
- d) Monday 25th March 2024 at 10.00 hours

1 **Reason for Recommendation**

1.1 It is necessary to set dates for the meetings of the Committee for the forthcoming year to enable business to be processed.

2 **Background**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the committee agrees to hold their normal meetings evenly across the year and the dates shown in the recommendation are the dates which follow the normal pattern of meetings.
- 2.2 All meetings will commence at 10.00 hours at Nonsuch Mansion House

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3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- **Equality Impact Assessment** 3.1
 - 3.1.1 None
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 No issues
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 No issues
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 none
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 none

4 **Financial Implications**

4.1 Section 151 Officer's comments: None arising from the contents of this report

5 **Legal Implications**

Legal Officer's comments: None arising from the contents of this report

Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- Council's Key Priorities: The Council's priorities are not relevant to this 6.1 matter
- 6.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None 6.3
- 6.4 Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications: None
- 6.5 Partnerships: None

Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

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N/A

Other papers:

• N/A

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NONSUCH PARK BYELAWS REVIEW

Head of Service: lan Dyer, Head of Operational Services

Wards affected: Nonsuch Ward;

Appendices (attached): Appendix One – Current Byelaws

Appendix Two - Model Byelaws Set 2 Draft

Summary

A report to discuss updating the current Byelaws for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces: model byelaw set 2 and the option to introduce a Public Space Protection Order for dog control in the Park.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the contents of the report
- (2) Advise whether they wish to pursue the introduction of Model Byelaws and a Public Space Protection Order to regulate dog walking in the Park, and if agreed, set up a small working party of officers and members to determine the exact wording of the new byelaws, the scope of the Public Space Protection Order, timeline for consultation and implementation. Upon completion a further report will be presented to the Joint Management Committee at the spring 2023 meeting.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 Whilst the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces: model byelaw set 2 can be used to regulate the use Nonsuch Park with the aim of ensuring that everyone is able to use the space without unreasonably inconveniencing other users, these model byelaws do not cover regulations relating to dog control, which are now covered by section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

1.2 The recommendation above asks members to consider the Model Byelaws as set out in Appendix Two and set up a small working party comprising of members and officers to discuss the finer points of wording considering the uniqueness of the park, ambitions for the future and the needs of stakeholders and visitors. The working party will also explore how a PSPO may be introduced and the work and costs involved in conducting a consultation and the timeline for implementation.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Joint Management Committee on 24 January 2022, members received a report setting out the Committee Work Programme. One of the items marked as High Priority was to review the Nonsuch Park Byelaws.
- 2.2 The current Nonsuch Park Byelaws were introduced in 1951 and made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875 by both Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the Borough of Sutton and Cheam.
- 2.3 Whilst the current Byelaws are comprehensive, they are outdated and do not reflect the way in which Nonsuch Park is used today.
- 2.4 A rough first draft of proposed byelaws is attached at Appendix Two and is based upon model wording published by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).
- 2.5 There are several sections which need further discussion and consideration as it is important to account for eventualities and the need for the Joint Management Committee to respond to event requests which provide a source of income for the park.
- 2.6 Members will notice that regulations around dog control are conspicuously missing from the model byelaws.
- 2.7 These regulations have been removed and now form part of the section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which allows Councils to create PSPO to control dog walking activities.
- 2.8 Based on the data available from other council's who have introduced Public Space Protection Orders, successful implementation relies on a robust public consultation exercise and this will need to be carefully considered and factored into the timeline and cost of this piece of work.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

- The adoption of the new byelaws will clearly set out rules and regulations which aim to ensure that all members of the community are able to use parks without unreasonably inconveniencing other users.
- Equality and Health Impact Assessments will be carried out prior to commencement of any public consultation. This will enable informed decisions when finalising the updated bylaws and a PSPO to regulate dog walking activities.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- Under section 59 of the Anti-social Behavior, Crime and Policing Act 2014 a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) can be created if a local authority is satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that activities carried on in public in the local authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality (or such activities are likely to occur), and the effect of those activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent and continuing nature, is such as to make the activities unreasonable, which justifies the restrictions imposed by the PSPO.
- However, there must be sufficient evidence gathered of complaints and nuisance etc. to justify such an Order and there is a requirement to consult with the relevant bodies and members of the public who would be affected. Although this can apply to parks and open spaces, the evidence must be of a high standard and an Order will only last for three years. The difference between updating the Byelaws and introducing PSPO's was considered by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's former Head of Legal and it was deemed at that time more appropriate to update the existing Byelaws.

3.3 Safeguarding

There are no safeguarding issues to consider in this report.

3.4 Dependencies

 The successful implementation of updated byelaws and a PSPO will depend on carefully considered wording and on the strength of the public consultation exercise.

3.5 Other

None

4 Financial Implications

4.1 At this draft stage there are no significant financial implications, other than officer resource.

- 4.2 At further stages, there will be significant officer resource required to conduct a consultation, collate the results and see the project through to completion.
- 4.3 Upon successful completion, there will be costs associated with updating signs and advertising the new regulations.
- 4.4 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: Officer resource/time should be quantified and recharged to the JMC budget accordingly.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Byelaws are local laws made by the Council (JMC) under an enabling power contained in a public general act or a local act requiring something to be done or not done in a specified area. Apart from any general power to make byelaws the relevant legislation supporting the byelaws in this case are The Public Health Act 1875 and The Open Spaces Act 1906. These Acts enable local authorities to make byelaws for the regulation of public walks and pleasure grounds and of open spaces respectively.
- 5.2 Byelaws are enforced through the magistrates' court and upon successful conviction of contravening these particular byelaws (if adopted) could result in a level 2 fine of up to £500.
- 5.3 Byelaws are generally considered a measure of last resort after alternative attempts to address the relevant issues has been unsuccessful. A byelaw cannot be made where alternative legislative measures already exist that could be used to address the problem. Byelaws should always be proportionate and reasonable. Where a byelaw is no longer necessary, it should be revoked.
- 5.4 The Byelaws (Alternative Procedure) (England) Regulations 2016 introduced new arrangements for byelaws. The regulations simplify the procedures for making new byelaws and amending byelaws, including replacing the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government's role in confirming byelaws. This is now a matter for the Council, having taken account of any representations made about the proposed byelaw. The Secretary of State's role now is simply to consider an application to make byelaws, and then give leave to do so.
- 5.5 The regulations also give councils powers to revoke byelaws under an entirely local process. The regulations do not give local authorities powers to create new categories of byelaws. Hence the need to follow the Secretary of State's model byelaws.

- 5.6 The new arrangements transfer the accountability for making byelaws to local councils. The Council (JMC) should ensure that a proposed byelaw is proportionate and necessary before making any new byelaw. Under these new arrangements, the Secretary of State now only considers the draft byelaws, report and deregulatory statement provided by the local authority, and will either give or refuse leave to proceed. The new arrangements allow the Council (JMC) to make only minor modifications to the proposed byelaws after leave has been given.
- 5.7 **Legal Officer's comments**: Under section 235 of the Local Government 1972 the Council (JMC) has the power to make byelaws for the good rule and government of the whole or any part of the boroughs, as the case may be and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances. Byelaws are subject to scrutiny by the courts and must be reasonable.
- 5.8 The Council (JMC) will not be able to make byelaw for dog control and would need to consider using a Public Protection Order to deal with dog control. Under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 a local authority may make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that (1) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality or it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect and (2) the effect, or likely effect, of the activities (a) is or likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature (b) is or likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable and (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice. The Council (JMC) would also need to carry out public consultation before deciding to proceed with a Public Protection Order.
- 5.9 Under section 236B of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council (JMC) has the power to make a byelaw to revoke existing byelaws. This power can be used to revoke the existing Nonsuch Park byelaws.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged:
 - Safe and Well
- 6.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications**: Updated Byelaws contribute to community safety.
- 6.5 **Partnerships**: A consultation exercise will ensure that all partner organisations are considered.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

• 24 January 2022 – Committee Work Programme

Other papers:

None

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with respect to the pleasure ground known as

NONSUCH PARK, EWELL

made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875,

by

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL

and

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF SUTTON AND CHEAM acting by the Councils of the said Boroughs

> EDWARD MOORE, M.A., LL.B., Town Clerk,

Town Clerk,

BYELAWS

made under section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875 by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell acting by the Council and the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Sutton and Cheam acting by the Council with respect to the PLEASURE GROUND known as "NONSUCH PARK" EWELL.

- 1. Throughout these Byelaws the expression "the Committee" means the Committee appointed by the Council of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell and the Council of the Borough of Sutton and Cheam under section 91 of the Local Government Act, 1933, and known as the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee, and the expression "the pleasure ground" means the pleasure ground known as "Nonsuch Park," Ewell.
- 2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the pleasure ground by an officer of the Committee, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Committee, shall not be deemed an offence against these Byelaws.
 - 3. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) carelessly or negligently deface, injure, or destroy any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;
 - (ii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;
 - (iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.
- 4. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, or any beast of draught or burden, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Committee, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to do so.

- 5. A person shall not in any part of the pleasure ground, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, drive or wheel any barrow, truck, machine, or vehicle other than
 - (a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle, or other similar machine;
 - (b) a wheeled chair, perambulator or chaise drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

Provided that where a notice is conspicuously exhibited by the Committee at the entrances to the pleasure ground that vehicles or machines of a specified class may be driven or ridden upon any road or pathway specified in the notice, this Byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving or riding of any such vehicle or machine upon any such road or pathway.

- 6. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon
 - (i) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant:
 - (ii) any part of the pleasure ground where the Committee by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.
- 7. A person shall not in the pleasure ground walk, run, stand, sit, or lie upon
 - (i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf, or other place shall be placed: Provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one-fifth of the area of the pleasure ground:
 - (ii) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant.
 - 8. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) remove, cut, or displace any soil, turf, or plant;
 - (ii) pluck any bud, blossom, flower, or leaf of any tree, shrub, or plant.

- 9. A pason shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) bathe, wade, or wash, in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;
 - (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water:
 - (iii) take, injure, or destroy, or attempt to take, injure, or destroy any fish in any such water, or wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl,
- 10. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the pleasure ground, unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person, and from worrying or disturbing any animal or water fowl, and from entering any ornamental water.
 - 11. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) except as hereinafter provided erect any post, rail, fence. pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure:

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Committee they grant permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure, upon such occasion and for such purpose as are specified in the application;

- (ii) beat, shake, sweep, brush, or cleanse any carpet, drugget, rug, or mat, or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt;
- (iii) hang, spread, or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching.
- 12. A person shall not in the pleasure ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt any officer of the Committee in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant of any person employed by the Committee in the proper execution of any work in connexion with the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.
- 13. Every person who shall offend against any of these Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

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- 14. Every person who shall infringe by Byelaw for the regulation of the pleasure ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Committee, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified: that is to say—
 - (i) where the infraction of the Byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the Byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable:
 - (ii) where the infraction of the Byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and, from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the pleasure ground of the person infringing the Byelaw may result in another infraction of a Byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the pleasure ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

The Common Seal of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council duly convened and held on the day of 1951, in the presence of

Mayor.

Town Clerk.

The Canon Scal of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Sutton and Cheam was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council duly convened and held on the day of 1951, in the presence of

Mayor.

Town Clerk.

NONSUCH PARK BYELAWS

Epsom& Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton

BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

ARRANGEMENT OF BYELAWS

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Byelaws made under [section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875/section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906/sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906] Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton with respect to *Nonsuch Park*.

[PART 1] GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

Select from the following list only terms to be used in the byelaws which the Council proposes to adopt:

"the Council" means Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton;

"the ground" means *Nonsuch Park* /[any of the grounds listed in [the Schedule /Schedule [1]];

"designated area" means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2. These byelaws apply to *Nonsuch Park*/ [all of the grounds listed in [the Schedule/Schedule 1].

Opening times

3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.

Where byelaw is to apply to more than one ground

(2) "Opening hours" means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

Where byelaw is to apply to more than one ground

(3) Byelaw [4(1)] applies only to the grounds listed in [Part 1 of] Schedule [2].]

PART [2]

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Interpretation of Part [2]

In this Part:

"Sky lantern" means any unmanned device which relies on an open flame or other heat source to heat air within it with the intention of causing it to lift into the atmosphere

Protection of structures and plants

- 4. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
 - (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
 - (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
 - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

5. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

6. No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

7. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which they are responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

8. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Gates

- 9. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which that person has opened or caused to be opened.
 - (2) Byelaw 10(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed, a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

Camping

10. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping [except in a designated area for camping].

Fires

11.

- (1) No person shall:
 - (a) light a fire; or
 - (b) place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire; or
 - (c) release a lighted sky lantern into the atmosphere.
- (2) Byelaw (1) shall not apply to:
- [(a)] [the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit;][or]
 - [(b)] [the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed camping stove, in a designated area for camping, or of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues].

Missiles

12. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

13. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council or its partners.

PART [3]

HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation of Part [3]

In this Part:

"designated route" means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

Horses

Horse riding prohibited except in certain grounds (subject to bridleway, etc)

- 14. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
 - (a) in any of the grounds listed in Part [3] of Schedule [2]; or
 - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
 - (2) Where horse-riding is permitted in any ground by virtue of byelaw [17](1)(a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Horse riding prohibited (subject to bridleway, etc)

- 15. (1) No person shall ride a horse except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
 - (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Horse riding prohibited except on designated route (subject to bridleway, etc)

- 16. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
 - (a) on a designated route for riding; or
 - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
 - (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw [18](1)(a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

- 17. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles [or on a designated route for cycling].
 - (2) [Outside the designated areas,]no person shall cycle on any footway or carriageway in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons using the footway or carriageway.

Motor vehicles

- 18. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way [or a designated route] for that class of vehicle.
 - (2) [Where there is a designated route for motor cycles, motor vehicles or trailers, it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to bring into or drive in the ground a vehicle of that class for the sole purpose of transporting it to the route].

Overnight parking

19. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

PART [4]

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part [4]

In this Part:

"ball games" means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

"golf course" means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course:

"self-propelled vehicle" means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

Children's play areas

20. No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children's play apparatus

21. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, etc

Skateboarding, etc permitted but must not cause danger or annoyance

22. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other selfpropelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball games

Prohibition of ball games

23. No person shall play ball games in the ground.

Ball games permitted only in designated areas

24. No person shall play ball games in the ground except in a designated area for playing ball games.

Ball games permitted throughout the ground but designated area for ball games also provided

- 25. No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:
 - (a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
 - (b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - (c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

Rules (to be used with model byelaw 28 or 29)

26. It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule [3] and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Cricket

27. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

Archery

28. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

29. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council [or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose].

Golf

Golf prohibited [except where part of ground is set aside as golf course]

30. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball [except on the golf course].

Where part of ground is set aside as a golf course

- 31. (1) No person shall play golf on the golf course unless that person holds a valid ticket issued by or on behalf of the Council entitling him to do so, which ticket shall be retained and shown on demand to any authorised officer or agent of the Council.
 - (2) No person shall enter on to or remain on the golf course unless:
 - (a) taking part in the game of golf or accompanying a person so engaged; or
 - (b) doing so in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
 - (3) No person shall offer his service for hire as an instructor on the golf course without the consent of the Council.

PART [5]

WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part [5]

In this Part:

"boat" means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat:

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

"waterway" means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any fountain.

Bathing

32. No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway .

Ice skating

33. No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

Model boats

34. No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway.

Boats

To prohibit use of boats [and if appropriate a wider category of vessels] without permission [except in designated areas]

35. No person shall sail or operate any boat, [dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable] on any waterway without the consent of the Council.

Fishing

36. No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals].

Blocking of watercourses

37. No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

PART [6]

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part [6]

In this Part:

"model aircraft" means an unmanned aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

"power-driven" means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances:
- jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

"radio control" means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

- 38. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
 - (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
 - (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

Model aircraft permitted in certain grounds [on specified days at specified times]

39. Byelaw 42 does not apply to the grounds listed in [Part [5] of Schedule 2] /[column 1 of the table in Part [6] of Schedule [2] on the days and times indicated for each ground in column 2 of that table].

Model aircraft permitted in designated areas

- 40. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
 - (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or
 - (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse;

other than in a designated area for flying model aircraft.

Model aircraft subject to certain control

41. Byelaw [42]/[44] does not apply to any model aircraft which is [attached to a control line]/[kept under effective radio control].

Quieter types of model aircraft permitted

- 42. Byelaw [42]/[44] does not apply to any model aircraft which:
 - (a) gives a noise measurement of not more than 82 dB(A) when measured at a distance of 7 metres from the aircraft in accordance with the Code of Practice issued under the Control of Noise (Code of Practice on Noise from Model Aircraft) Order 1981; and
 - (b) where it is reasonably practicable to fit, fitted with an effectual silencer or similar device.

PART [7]

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

43. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

- 44. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:
 - (a) shouting or singing;
 - (b) playing on a musical instrument; or

- (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 48(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

45. No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

46. No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

47. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

48. (1) No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART [8]

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

- 49. No person shall obstruct:
 - (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

- 50. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
 - (2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of offenders

51. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

52. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

53. The byelaws made by *insert name* on *insert date* and confirmed/approved by *insert name of confirming authority* on *insert date of confirmation* relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

Limited revocation to preserve byelaws relating to dogs

54. Byelaws insert numbers of byelaws being revoked made by insert name on insert date and confirmed by insert name of confirming authority on insert date of confirmation relating to the ground are hereby revoked

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE [1]

GROUNDS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY [GENERALLY]

The grounds referred to in byelaw [2]/[3] are:

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SCHEDULE 2

GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS

PART [1]

OPENING TIMES (BYELAW [4](1))

. . .

PART [2]

HORSE RIDING PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN CERTAIN GROUNDS (SUBJECT TO BRIDLEWAY, ETC) (BYELAW [17](1))

. . .

PART [3]

USE OF MODEL AIRCRAFT PERMITTED ON SPECIFIED DAYS AT SPECIFIED TIMES (BYELAW [48])

Name or description of ground	Days and times at which use of model
	aircraft is permitted
Park E	
Park F	

SCHEDULE [3]

RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (BYELAW [31])

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by byelaw [31] to comply with the following rules:

- (1) No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
- (2) No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.

- (3) Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), where the designated area is already in use by any person, any other person wishing to play in that area must seek their permission to do so.
- (5) Except where they have been granted exclusive use of the designated area for more than two hours by the Council, any person using that area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and any other person wishes to use that area.
- (6) No person shall play in the designated area when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area.

NONSUCH PARK HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2028

Head of Service: Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services

Wards affected: (All Wards);

Appendices (attached): Appendix One – Nonsuch Park Habitat

Management Plan 2023-2028

Summary

To present the committee with the Nonsuch Park Habitat Management Plan 2023-2028

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Approve the contents of the Habitat Management Plan and the prescription table, which sets out the ideal actions for future management of Nonsuch Park.
- (2) Agree that officers work towards the three main objectives of this five-year plan as set out in 2.4 of this report, prioritising the acquisition of a cut and collect machine to deliver optimum land management outcomes.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 currently includes a duty on public authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity. The new Environment Act has amended this duty so that there is an expectation on public authorities to look strategically at their policies and operations from time to time (at least every 5 years) and assess what action they can take 'to further' the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity. They must also have regard to the relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies, Species Conservation Strategies and Protected Sites Strategies, as part of the consideration. The production and implementation of a management plan will be a key part of adhering to this duty.

2 Background

- 2.1 The current edition of the Nonsuch Park Management Plan has been revised and updated to assess the current state of the habitat and highlight areas which are well managed and those areas which are in decline and would benefit from further investment. The plan can be viewed in Appendix One of this report.
- 2.2 This updated plan has been authored by Sarah Clift, Senior Countryside Officer from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Countryside Team.
- 2.3 The Senior Countryside Officer spent many hours conducting on-site surveys and reviewing previous recommendations and actions to assess future requirements to prevent deterioration of this important site.
- 2.4 For simplicity the Plan suggests three main areas to focus on over the next five years:
 - highlight the importance of Nonsuch in terms of its Biodiversity
 - to seek ways to increase the management resource
 - identify practical habitat management techniques, which can continue in to the future.
- 2.5 The ideal time to cut and collect is late summer to early autumn each year and therefore to commit to the prescriptions in this plan it is proposed that Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Grounds Maintenance service acquire a cut and collect machine which will be used in Nonsuch Park as well as other
 - areas of the Borough which benefit from the same maintenance regime.
- 2.6 Grounds Maintenance in Nonsuch Park is provided by the Council and is paid for via an annual recharge to the Joint Management Committee, therefore the purchase of a cut and collect machine will not have a direct on the JMC budget and will be included in the current recharge.
- 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.3 Safeguarding

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- 3.3.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 The success of this Habitat Management Plan will be dependent on remaining focussed on the key objectives set out in paragraph 2.4
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 None

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 To fulfil the main objective of this five-year plan, there is likely to be a requirement for additional budget to implement the prescriptions particularly in the case of the acquisition of a cut and collect machine. However, the funding implications for this measure will be fully explored and reported to the Joint Management Committee in spring 2023.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: There are no immediate financial implications arising from the contents of this report. However, the budgetary impact of any specific subsequent proposals will be assessed at the time through the normal NJMC decision-making process.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The legal implications are set out in paragraph 1.1 of this report.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments**:Section 40(1) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC 2006) required a public authority in exercising its functions, to have a regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.
- 5.3 Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021 (EA 2021) extends the general duty of public authorities to the conservation of biodiversity under NERC 2006 to both conserving and "enhancing" the biodiversity objective.
- 5.4 The duty is now as follows: "A public authority which has any functions exercisable in England must from time to time consider what action the authority can properly take, consistently with the proper exercise of its functions, to further the general biodiversity objective." (section 102 (3) EA 2021).
- 5.5 The general biodiversity objective is the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in England through the exercise of functions in relation to England (Section 102 (3) EA 2021).

- A public authority must (a) determine such policies and specific objectives as it considers appropriate for taking action to further the general biodiversity objective and (b) take such action as it considers appropriate, in light of those policies and objectives, to further that objective (section 102(3) EA 2021). This must be completed by the public authority within the period of one year of the day that section 102 EA 2021 comes into force.
- 5.7 Any subsequent consideration of policies must be completed no later than 5 years after the first review of its policy (section 102(3) EA 2021).
- 5.8 In complying with the requirements of the duty, the public authority must have regard to any relevant local nature recovery strategy and any relevant species conservation strategy or protected site strategy prepared by NE. The Secretary of State has a duty to publish guidance to local planning authorities as to how they are to comply with this duty, the first such guidance being published within two years of the coming into force (section 102(5) EA 2021).
- 5.9 The authority must have regard to any relevant local nature recovery strategy and any relevant species conservation strategy or protected site strategy prepared by Natural England (section 102(5) EA 2021).

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged:
 - Green and Vibrant
 - Safe and Well
- 6.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: Well managed eco systems is key to ensuring climate stability.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications**: None for the purpose of this report.
- 6.5 **Partnerships**: The successful delivery of the Habitat Management Plan relies on sustaining relationships with a number of stakeholders such as members and officers from both Councils, volunteers and commercial partners.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports: Nonsuch Park Management Plan 2021-2026

Other papers:

Nonsuch Park Habitat Management Plan

2023-2028



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nonsuch Park is an extremely important asset to the Boroughs of Epsom & Ewell and London Borough of Sutton and their residents. Currently it is managed mainly for its amenity use and is highly regarded by its many visitors; however, it is also extremely important for wildlife and has not yet reached its potential. It has a wide variety of habitats and species and if some key management techniques are employed, the biodiversity value of the site will flourish.

The open grasslands are a key feature of the park and if, once cut, the arisings are removed, the botanical diversity would improve along with the animals it supports. There is a large section of chalk underlying the southern area of the park, which if managed in this way, could become a priority habitat - chalk grassland, similar to the neighbouring Warren Farm. Currently the grassland is in unfavourable condition but this could be easily rectified.

Nonsuch already contains three priority habitats, Lowland mixed deciduous woodland, Hedgerows and Ponds. Currently there is not the resource to actively manage these habitats, along with 32 priority species as defined under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.

It is a key focus of this management plan to:

- highlight the importance of Nonsuch in terms of its Biodiversity
- to seek ways to increase the management resource
- identify practical habitat management techniques, which can continue in to the future.







INTRODUCTION

The Countryside Team were asked to update the Nonsuch Park Five Year Management Plan running from 2021 until 2026. The past management plans were reviewed and numerous meetings and discussions were had with the staff and volunteers involved in the site's management to come up with the prescriptions outlined within this management plan. As this is an update of past management plans, many of the habitat descriptions and recommendations are still current and therefore used where appropriate. The key difference is that the information included in this plan is solely for Nonsuch Park and does not include guidance on the management of the adjacent Warren Farm. The Woodland Trust owns and manages Warren Farm.

Nonsuch Park was surveyed during the months of June and July 2020 to assess the habitats' current status and potential. This management plan focuses on the site's habitat management and the enhancement of its biodiversity value, particularly its habitats of principal importance.

STAGE ONE - DESCRIPTION

1.1 Introduction

Nonsuch Park is a large area of open parkland dominated by its large areas of sweeping grassland but has a rich mosaic of other habitats including woodland, scrub, parkland trees and ponds. It is a hugely important area for people and wildlife.

1.2 Location

Nonsuch Park is situated between Cheam and Ewell Village in the north of Epsom and Ewell. The eastern boundary of Nonsuch Park is the boundary between the boroughs of Epsom & Ewell and the London Borough of Sutton. Central grid reference is TQ 23163 63636.

1.3 Land Tenure and Associated Statutory Requirements

Since the 1930s, the freehold of much of the park has been owned by Surrey County Council and has been managed jointly by the London Borough of Sutton and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (and their predecessors) through the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (JMC). In 2008, Surrey County Council granted a long lease of its ownership jointly to Sutton and Epsom & Ewell Councils. This legal agreement will allow the two Boroughs, through the JMC, to deliver effective estate management and financial planning. There is a separate management plan that has been prepared for the whole estate along with a maintenance plan for the park buildings, which includes the Nonsuch Mansion House.

The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 currently includes a duty on public authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity. The new Environment Act has amended this duty so that there is an expectation on public authorities to look strategically at their policies and operations from time to time (at least every 5 years) and assess what action they can take 'to further' the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity. They must also have regard to the relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies, Species Conservation Strategies and Protected Sites Strategies, as part of the consideration. The production and implementation of a management plan will be a key part of adhering to this duty.

1.4 Local Designations

Past management plans have included reference to Warren Farm, which is located to the south of Nonsuch Park. This plan does not as it is a separate site, owned by The Woodland Trust and managed independently. However, as the habitat is continuous, they collectively form the Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI). It has been selected as a SNCI, as indicated on the Local Plan, for its mosaic of habitats and important wildlife.

It is also within the North Downs Natural Area (more information available from Natural England) and is within the greenbelt. The site is also included in the Surrey Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) ND04: North Downs; Epsom Downs to Nonsuch Park. The aim of the Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) is to establish a strategic framework for conserving and enhancing biodiversity at a landscape scale. BOAs identify the most important areas for wildlife conservation in Surrey and each include a variety of habitats, providing for an 'ecosystem approach' to nature conservation across and beyond the county. Therefore the management work detailed in this report could be seen to provide a landscape link within the overall BOA network. Although not a statutory designation, BOAs are protected under Epsom and Ewell's Local Plan and are material considerations in planning applications.

1.5 SNCI Reason for selection

Nonsuch Park and Warren Farm contain a mosaic of habitats supporting rare species. It has species-rich meadows reaching the required score of over 15 of the listed species, including two of the higher rated ones. A study of slow worms in the Cherry Orchard Farm area found a high count of +20, which indicates an exceptional population of the species. Small Blue butterfly is regularly recorded through the Butterfly Monitoring Scheme in association with Butterfly Conservation and is on List A in the butterfly criteria. The full SNCI report can be found in Appendix 1.

1.6 Photographic Coverage

Aerial photographs taken in 2003, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2019 are held by the EEBC GIS Section. More recent aerial photographs of the site are available online from Google Maps, Apple Maps and Bing Maps.

1.7 Summary Description

1.7.1 Physical

1.7.1.1 Geology

A detailed geological map has been reproduced with kind permission from June Chatfield from the London Naturalist Report No 73 (1994) (Map 1). It is in this report that there is a detailed discussion of the geology. There is a band of Chalk in the south-east section over Warren Farm and into the south-east corner of Nonsuch and Cheam Park, including the Mansion House and gardens, which is sometimes overlain by sandy soil. The influence is clearly seen at Warren Farm with species such as Greater Knapweed, Wild Basil and Kidney Vetch. Sands and clays cover the rest of Nonsuch Park. In the northern section, there is London Clay and the land slopes down to Woolwich and Reading Beds followed by Thanet Sands. The western part of Cherry Orchard Farm and the Banqueting House site are on Woolwich and Reading Beds. There is also a small strip of Alluvium, from an old post glacial stream, which occurs between the outcrops of London Clay and the Woolwich and Reading Beds in the western part of Nonsuch Park on the line of New Pond.

New information has come forward and it is recommended that a new map of the geology of the site be produced to reflect the findings. This has been added as an action in the Management Recommendations.

1.7.1.2 Topography and Hydrology

Nonsuch Park comprises remnant parkland which is fairly level, with variations in topography being gently undulating. Ground level is in the order of 190ft above sea level at its greatest and around 130ft at its lowest. There are two ponds within the park, New Pond and Round Pond. New Pond is situated on the north-western edge, constructed in the mid-1980s to absorb run off from the park protecting London Road from flooding and is fed by the main ditch running through the centre of the

park. Round Pond is in the middle of the park and is seasonal, fed by subsurface water issuing from the gravel/sand at its eastern edge. There is a network of ditches, crossing the park and also three remnant ponds along their lines, Brown, Sanctuary and Ostracod Ponds.

1.7.2 Biological

1.7.2.1 Priority Habitats

The importance of the site is indicated by the fact the site includes three habitats: Hedgerows, Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland and Ponds, which are Habitats of Principal Importance in England under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act. See Map 3. Full habitat classifications can be found at https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/uk-bap-priority-habitats/.

Hedgerows

The hedgerows that are present within Nonsuch Park have largely developed in to treelines and consist of species such as Oak, Elm, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Ash, Elder and occasionally Hornbeam, Cherry, Field Maple and Sycamore. They are often associated with margins of brambles and nettles and have generally grown up along the ditch lines.

Lowland mixed deciduous woodland

There are eleven woodlands within Nonsuch Park consisting of one ancient woodland (The Ancient Wood) and plantation woodland. They are found around the margins of the site, with three larger copses within the meadows.

All generally contain a mix of native species with some containing some exotic planting, which would be expected in a parkland site. Unfortunately, some invasive species have taken hold in some areas such as Cherry Laurel. The main canopy species found within the woodlands include Oak, Ash, Sycamore, Norway Maple and Horse Chestnut.

<u>Ponds</u>

There are two ponds within the park, New Pond and Round Pond, the latter being particularly interesting due to the presence of Great Crested Newts. The three remnant ponds, Sanctuary Pond, Ostracod Pond and Brown Pond have all silted up and scrubbed over. Brown Pond is fed by a ditch which the Nonsuch Voles have cleared a couple of times and it does hold a low level of water in the wetter months.

1.7.2.2 Other important habitats

Veteran/Mature trees

There are a number of veteran trees across the park, mainly oak. The ones identified during the writing of this management plan are marked on the habitat map (map 3).

Grasslands

Grassland, largely mesotrophic, make up the majority of the habitat within Nonsuch Park. The majority of meadows are currently either cut once a year in September, or regularly mown amenity grassland. Nonsuch Park is characterised by large wide-open spaces and far-reaching views.

Scrub

A very important habitat for birds and invertebrates and is found within Nonsuch in Russet Field, Cherry Orchard Farm and along the some of the woodland edges.

1.7.2.3 Species groups

These important habitats within Nonsuch Park support a wide variety of plant and animal species, including some interesting chalk grassland plants, fungi, lichens, bryophytes, birds, mammals, a wide range of invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians including 34 priority species as identified in the NERC Act.

1.8.3 Cultural

1.8.3.1 Archaeology

Nonsuch Park is a grade two historic landscape containing the site of Nonsuch Palace, the Palace garden (known as The Wilderness) and Banqueting House. These areas are a scheduled ancient monument and of great archaeological importance. (See map 4). The site of the Palace is marked on the ground within Nonsuch Field by stone columns and is closely mown. The Palace garden is in the area known as Cherry Orchard Farm. The site of the Banqueting House is marked by a low wall within a grassland area known as Five Acres Piece on the edge of the Banqueting House Woodland.

The site of the Tudor stable in the area known as Old Stable Ground is also archaeologically significant. The Mansion gardens are an important historic landscape specifically referred to in the listing statement for the park. London Road follows the general line of Stane Street – the London to Chichester Roman Road. The park management should seek to preserve both the historic landscape and the archaeological remains.

It was previously thought that the south-east portion of Pottery Wood was a likely site for the 'Grove of Diana' a site of major archaeological importance. However, this is now not certain and more work needs to be done to confirm the correct location.

1.8.3.3 Public Access and Recreation

The park can be accessed by bus and train with stations at Cheam, Ewell East and Ewell West. Two car parks can be accessed from London Road and two from Ewell Road. There is pedestrian access from the Ewell Bypass, Bluegates, Wickham Avenue, Cheam Park, Castle Avenue and Beaufort Way. There is access for people with disabilities along the main path from the Mansion House.

Despite the large number of paths throughout the park, there are relatively few rights of way. A few of the paths are surfaced but the majority are grass mown. Many visitors, mostly dog walkers and pedestrians use the park, but cyclists are also allowed. Horse riding is not allowed. There are three areas where dogs are not allowed near the three car parks.

There are varieties of organised groups who use the park including fitness groups and Park Run, as well as people using the site for informal recreation. Routes through the southern end of the park form part of the London Loop and also the Round the Borough Hike and Bike.

There is a Forest School, 'Little Oaks,' situated in the buildings near the Mansion House. The children use the park for some of their activities. It is advised that their activities are monitored to ensure they do not impact negatively on the habitats within the park.

The site has limited interpretation with no organised guided walks and few notice boards. There is an information board on the history of Nonsuch Palace near the London Road car park and The Nonsuch Voles have put up panels explaining the work they have been carrying out within the woodlands. The Voles in conjunction with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council have also added an interpretive sign within the Mansion House Gardens.

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Where back gardens adjoin the park directly, there is associated dumping issues, particularly in Banqueting House Woodland. It would be advisable to communicate with these residents to highlight the problem of green waste and the potential for garden escapes to impact on native wildlife.

STAGE TWO — EVALUATION 2.1 Evaluation criteria

Size

Nonsuch Park is a public park covering approximately 131 hectares (321 acres). The majority of the site is composed of mesotrophic grassland with some marginal secondary woodlands including one area of ancient woodland. Other habitats present include, scrub, copses, hedges, parkland trees, some veteran avenues of trees, field boundary trees, bare ground, wall & buildings, open water ponds and ditches.

It also includes the area known as Cherry Orchard Farm and Cherry Orchard Nursery, which is approximately 8 hectares and is predominantly rough grassland, scrub and woodland. It also comprises the Mansion House formal gardens, approximately 4 hectares, which are excluded from this management plan.

Naturalness

There are few, if any areas left in Great Britain, which can be described as entirely natural and this site is no exception. Humans have at some point in their history, influenced most landscapes. However, it is generally accepted that the closer to 'natural' a site is then the more nature conservation value it has. With its location and history, it is of no surprise to realise how much Nonsuch Park has been influenced by people, culture and its urban location.

During the 1930s-1940s, the London Clay was used for cereal crops, soft fruit growing and allotments. According to records and personal anecdotes there used to be a small flock of sheep in the late 1940s, just east of Nonsuch Park Café. This was the only animal husbandry known for the parks except for Cherry Orchard Farm, where pigs were kept in the 1940s and 50s. Sparrow Farm Gate Field was never cultivated. Arable farming petered out in the 1960s. (Although Warren Farm was in cultivation until 1987 and is still regularly rotovated via the management programme set out by the Woodland Trust.) Round Pond Field had been given a hay cut in late summer.

From these agricultural fields the now current meadows have formed. It is thought that some (if not all) of the small ponds were artificially created to be used by farm animals. The New Pond was created in the mid-1980s to protect London Road from flooding due to the run off from the park.

The names of the perimeter woodland belts, North Plantation, London Road Plantation etc. suggest that they were planted. However, they may have incorporated some existing trees as there are some veteran specimens amongst them. In other areas such as along the line of the abandoned road (construction was abandoned due to World War II,) self-seeded secondary woodland is present. This area was open until about 1960 (June Chatfield pers. comm.). Nonsuch Pottery Wood is on an area of former clay extraction (June Chatfield pers. comm.).

Whilst the majority of the vascular plant species are native species there are a few that have been deliberately planted or accidentally found their way onto the site which are non-native and invasive. These include Cherry Laurel, Sycamore (although not considered a major problem at the moment, and in fact can have a benefit to the overall diversity of the woodland canopy), as well as Turkey Oak.

Non-native herbs include Canadian Goldenrod (particularly a problem over in Warren Farm, which is being managed as part of the Woodland Trust Management Plan), Japanese Knotweed (highly invasive and found at Warren Farm) and *Crassula helmsii* (highly invasive and currently dominating parts of the New Pond). Care needs to be taken that Canadian Goldenrod and Japanese Knotweed do not escape in to Nonsuch Park.

Diversity and Rarity

A very comprehensive review of the species recording at the site has been carried out by Dr June Chatfield for the London Natural History Society, as a report for the London Naturalist published in 2014. She provides a very thorough overview of the Park and its natural history, reviewing its development over 20 years. Her findings and more recent survey information is summarised below.

<u>Habitats</u> – Nonsuch Park has a wide range of habitats with the potential to support a great variety of wildlife. This diversity of habitats means the park is rich in both plant, fungi and animal life.

<u>Fungi and myxomycetes</u> (slime moulds) - A total of 140 have been recorded at Nonsuch. The latest surveys have concentrated on the smaller species – rusts, mildews and slime moulds. In 2013, Dr Brian Spooner joined a Nonsuch Watch field meeting and made some great discoveries, including *Asteromella arbuticola* and *Septoria ornithogali*, both new to Great Britian; *Phanerochaete joseferreirae*, new to England and two possible new species, one belonging to the *Chaetomium* genus and one to the *Sirococcus* genus.

Lichens

A total of 84 different lichen species were found in 1993, 1995 and 2003. The surveys were led by Frank Dobson. Some of the records are from the Mansion House Gardens looking at habitats such as the urns, walls and sculptures. The willows at Round Pond were looked at carefully which resulted in the discovery of *Parmelia perlata*, a good sign of improved air conditions. A notable find in 2003 was *Cyphelium notarisii*, the third record for Surrey, growing on the benches within the gardens of the Mansion House.

<u>Bryophytes</u> – A total of 88 bryophyte species have been recorded here. Pete Howarth and June Chatfield carried out the most recent survey in 2013. The major change since 1993, noticed by June Chatfield, was the great recovery in epiphytes. The list of bryophytes includes one that is nationally scarce and one has local status. The wall of the Mansion House formal gardens is good for *Porella platyphylla*, an uncommon liverwort in the south-east.

Vascular plants

455 species have been recorded in total, which compares well with other sites in Epsom and Ewell. Around 500 species have been recorded on Epsom Common and only 350 species in Horton Country Park. In the past, Common spotted orchids have flowered around the New Pond, and in 2018, Brackish Water-crowfoot *Ranunculus baudotii* was recorded in Round Pond by members of Surrey Botanical Society, which has not been seen in many years and is uncommon.

Pepper saxifrage *Silaum silaus* was recorded in 2005 in Russet Field but unfortunately has been lost to scrub invasion. Spurge laurel is an interesting component of The Ancient Wood along with the Goldilocks buttercup being the most significant woodland flower. Mistletoe is common in the trees within Field next to the lane.

Grassland flora varies according to the soil type. In Nonsuch the chalk is largely overlain by Thanet Sand and chalkland plants tend not to occur apart from lady's bedstraw *Galium verum*, found in good quantities in Great Meadow. However, chalk and rubble from the excavation of Nonsuch Palace in 1958 was spread across Nonsuch Field and some field scabious *Knautia arvensis* that was first found there in 1993 is still present in 2020.

Smooth Rupturewort, *Herniaria glabra* was found by Jovita Kaunang, which was a new vice-county record for Surrey.

The largest habitat type found within Nonsuch is the semi-improved meadows and this is a relatively restricted habitat in south-east England. Here there is frequent Meadow Barley, which is relatively rare grass species and known to be declining in Surrey. Across the country, we have lost 97% of our

hay meadows. The potential to manage the grasslands as hay meadows is one that should be thoroughly investigated.

Oligochaetes (Earthworms)

June Chatfield highlighted in her review in 2014, that until relatively recently, there had not been a great deal of surveying of this group of animals nationally. She suggests it remains a project for Nonsuch and assistance from the Earthworm Society of Britain should be encouraged. Incidental records have been made of the lob worm *Lumbricus terrestris* and the yellow-green earthworm, *Allobophora chloritica*.

Molluscs (Slugs, snails, mussels)

A total of 46 species of mollusc have been recorded and there have been few changes noted in June Chatfield's report. The most notable new arrival was the Irish Slug *Limacus maculatus*. Although the terrestrial molluscs have been relatively stable, the freshwater fauna has shown more changes. New Pond has a colony of Pfeiffer's amber snail *Oxyloma elegans* and the Ramshorn snail, *Planorbis planorbis*. Bladder snails were found in Round Pond.

Arachnids

A total of 70 species have been recorded. In 2013, surveying focussed on the northern perimeter tree belts, The Wood and The Ancient Wood. In 1993, attention was focussed on Warren Farm and Cherry Orchard Farm. *Philodromus albidus* is rather rare in the south and east but does seem to be spreading northwards as so many other species of spiders and insects are too.

Insects -

A key improvement concerning the population of insects, identified within the 20 year review by June Chatfield, has been the management of the grassland. Roger Hawkins was asked by Nonsuch Watch to carry out a survey of insects within the grasslands in 2004. Regularly mown grassland was almost devoid of wildlife but since 1991, the grasslands have been allowed to flower and set seed, which has been hugely beneficial for insect life.

Lepidoptera

- <u>Butterflies</u> a transect route has been walked since 2016 as part of Butterfly Conservation's Butterfly Monitoring Scheme. 29 species have been recorded seen since the transect began, including four NERC priority species. (There are also old records of 4 more species which do have potential to be seen again.) Three species on the NERC Act list, Brown and White-letter Hairstreak are found in Nonsuch Park. Elm, Wych Elm and young Blackthorn are needed for the life cycle of these species. Small Heath is also found and needs fine grasses to be present. Nonsuch Park has good habitat potential for them. The Small Blue is found on Warren Farm but without Kidney Vetch, this species will not cross over in to Nonsuch to breed. Perhaps with improved grassland management and scattering of seed, kidney vetch could be established, for example in Nonsuch Field and Great Meadow.
- Moths Paul Wheeler, who was invited by Nonsuch Watch to carry out nocturnal surveys in 2006/7, carried out the most comprehensive survey so far of the moths found in Nonsuch Park. A total of 175 species have been recorded, including 5 NERC priority species.

<u>Coleoptera</u> – Beetles, 148 species of beetles have been recorded, the most recent survey taking place in 2004. Ladybirds are particularly well recorded as Roger Hawkins undertook some of his research for his book, Ladybirds of Surrey, at Nonsuch. An interesting find in 2004 was the Goldenbloomed grey longhorn beetle, *Agapanthia villoviridescens*, which is very local in Surrey. The Stag

Beetle *Lucanus cervus* is present on site, which is a NERC priority species. Further surveying will certainly increase the species list for the site.

<u>Diptera</u> – True Flies, 134 species recorded with the most recent survey taking place in 2004

Hemiptera – True Bugs, 135 species recorded with the most recent survey taking place in 2004

<u>Hymenoptera</u> – Ants, Bees and Wasps, 103 species recorded with the most recent survey taking place in 2004. June Chatfield notes that there have been two new species of bee arriving naturally in the British Isles from the Continent and both seen at Nonsuch. The tree bumblebee, *Bombus hypnorum* and the Ivy Bee, *Colletes hederae*.

<u>Orthoptera</u> – Grasshoppers and Crickets, 8 species recorded, with the most recent survey taking place in 2004. A question posed by June Chatfield was whether the green grasshopper, *Omocestus viridulus*, not found in 1993, would come to Nonsuch with the change in grassland management. Not much change was noticed in 2014 but worth resurveying to check now.

<u>Odonata</u> – Dragonflies and Damselflies, 11 species recorded with the most recent survey taking place in 1993.

Other Invertebrates – 1 Dermaptera (Earwig), 2004; 6 Isopods (Woodlice), 1993; 1 Mycoptera (Scorpion Fly) and 7 Neuroptera – (Lacewings), 2004.

Plant galls

28 plant gall species were recorded from before 1993 -2014. The organisms that form the galls recorded include mites, wasps, midges, bacteria, true bugs, fungus and flies.

<u>Herptiles</u> – 7 species have been recorded:

- <u>Reptiles</u> In 2012 a survey of Cherry Orchard Farm revealed a significant population of Slow Worms, probably the best site in the Borough for these species. Other reptiles present include Grass Snakes and Common Lizards. All reptiles are protected under UK law. Common Lizards, Slow Worms and Grass Snakes are NERC priority species.
- Amphibians Natural England carried out eDNA testing on a selection of ponds within the Epsom and Ewell to test for presence of Great Crested Newts (GCNs). The results came back as positive for Round Pond, so Countryside Team Ecologist, Pete Howarth, carried out an egg search for GCNs in April 2020 and GCN eggs were found. (An egg search was also carried out around New Pond, newt eggs were found but no GCN eggs. A small bottle trapping survey was carried out on both ponds but no adults were found in either pond. Surveying was restricted due to the Covid 19 pandemic) Further bottle trapping continued in 2021 and adult GCNs were found in Round Pond. GCNs are a European protected species and are protected by law. The park is also home to Frogs, Toads and Smooth Newts. GCNs and Toads are priority species under the NERC Act.

Birds -

83 species were recorded during 2000 including 15 NERC priority species, 20 on the red list (species of high conservation concern) and 16 on the amber list (species of medium conservation concern.)

In 2019 – Stephen Hewitt carried out a nest survey, which resulted in the discovery of 48 blackcap territories, 3 of which were in Warren Farm. Essentially they were all over the park in every copse and woodland. It also discovered 31 nests made by 11 different species. These figures are only a small subsection of the actual numbers of breeding birds in the park.

Hobbies nested in Nonsuch 2018 in the Scot's Pine Trees bordering Plantation Field. They have returned every year and are now nesting in the Pinetum.

No formal breeding bird survey has been carried out as yet.

Mammals – 11 mammal records dating from 1993 and one record of rabbits dating back to 1949. However, rabbits and hares no longer occur. Hedgehogs have been recorded in the past, which are a NERC priority species. Bats were surveyed in 2012 by Alison Fure following a planning application to develop an area of Nonsuch Girls School. Common Pipistrelle, Noctule and Leisler were seen. Alison Fure also carried out a survey on the western side of the park using hand held and static bat detectors. Common and Soprano Pipistrelles and Brown Long-eared bats were recorded. All bats are protected under UK law, and the Noctule, Soprano Pipistrelle and Brown Long-eared bats are NERC priority species. There are foxes present but no formal survey of large or small mammals has been carried out. A survey using longworth traps would be highly recommended.

<u>Pond life</u> – 70% of ponds have been lost from the UK Countryside over the last century. The ponds that still exist in Nonsuch are extremely important in that context and great work has begun on the restoration of Round Pond.

Fragility

The most important natural factor influencing the management is vegetation succession. When management is curtailed, key habitat dependant species can be lost. Due to lack of financial and human resource, many of the habitats are being lost in this way. In the absence of any management, grassland will decrease in diversity as coarse grasses and eventually scrub and woodland take over. Two areas, Black Shed Field and Red Barn Field, are no longer fields but have succeeded to woodland. The majority of Russett Field has also been lost to scrub and woodland. The grassland area within Cherry Orchard Farm is decreasing and scrub is encroaching in from the perimeter. This succession can clearly be seen by looking back over aerial photographs.

The New Pond is already experiencing problems from vegetation succession, even though a substantial amount of work has been carried out in the past to open up the water. The other smaller ponds that were once present, have already become susceptible to drying and shading out to the extent that they have been subsumed into the surrounding copses.

Although woodland is more stable, management is required to ensure that the biodiversity is retained and enhanced. A continuity of decaying wood is required in a variety of stages of decay. Glades and rides should also be managed to create varying light levels within the woodlands to promote the ground flora and regeneration of the trees themselves. Another concern within the park's woodlands and trees are diseases such as Ash Die-Back and Oak Processionary Moth infestations.

Invasive species pose a threat to the habitats within the park. In the grasslands there is a threat from Canadian Goldenrod, which is prevalent in Warren Farm, although this is being addressed. In the woodlands, it is important to manage and ideally eradicate the Cherry Laurel and Turkey Oak to ensure they do not take over. Crassula and Parrot's Feather have found their way into New Pond and have now become highly dominant and very difficult to remove.

Visitor pressure can conflict with strict management for nature conservation and pressure can come from direct disturbance to wildlife. Disturbance may also be an area of conflict for wildlife within the grassland and woodlands, for example breeding birds are unsettled by noise, rapid movement and

the proximity of people and their dogs. Nutrients from dog excrement can change the soil chemistry promoting rank vegetation.

The New Pond is subject to high public pressure, particularly from dogs jumping in and disturbing the water. Round Pond has been protected from dogs to a large extent by being fenced off and has seen a good increase in vegetation within the pond. New studies in to the toxicity of flea and tick treatment used on dogs and cats has highlighted a huge impact on the aquatic invertebrate life in our ponds and rivers across England. Roaming cats from nearby housing estates on the peripheries of the open space can also decrease small mammal, bird, bat and reptile populations.

Traffic noise can disturb wildlife as well as reducing human enjoyment. There are parts of Nonsuch where one can escape from traffic noise and sights of buildings and this is much-valued (June Chatfield pers. comm.)

There have been no studies relating to air-borne pollution levels. However, it seems highly likely that exhaust emissions will be depositing relatively high NOx and SOx given the site's proximity to major roads. Roadside shelterbelts can be a very useful feature in ameliorating the impact of such pollutants.

Light pollution also has a potentially deleterious impact. The perimeter woodland is useful in limiting light pollution within the park, as is the closure at night. There may be a problem with the lighting to the sports field at the school (June Chatfield pers. comm.)

The climate is predicted to dramatically change over the next 50 - 100 years. It is thought that South East England will see warmer weather, with hotter summers and winters less severe. These changes and change in precipitation will mean the loss of cold loving species and a gradual shift in habitat north. Monitoring systems will help to recognise these changes and enable changes in management techniques.

Typicalness

Surrey has a large number of parklands and they are often in broadly urbanised surroundings, as Nonsuch Park is. However when compared with the vicinity of North Cheam, Worcester Park and the north of Epsom, these habitats and scenic features are not common and there are few large open spaces such as this.

History of biological recording

There has been a long history of surveying and monitoring of the wildlife within Nonsuch Park. Aside from the surveys carried out as part of writing the management plans, Nonsuch Watch has also commissioned many surveys including a reptile survey of Cherry Orchard Farm revealing the presence of a significant population of Slow Worms.

Naturalists, over the years, have found great interest in the park and the breadth of species groups recorded is testament to that. June Chatfield's 2014 review of Nonsuch Park and adjacent open spaces, collates all the recording carried out over the last twenty years. It must be noted that often, surveys carried out also include Warren Farm. Location of species is not always noted so within the species list in the appendix, some are noted as being on Warren Farm, however, it may be that these species were also found in Nonsuch Park. It is likely that the species associated with chalk grassland, were only found on Warren Farm, e.g. Kidney Vetch and Pyramidal Orchid.

Stephen Hewitt carried out bird nesting surveys in accordance with the British Trust for Ornithology guidelines in 2019.

Butterfly surveying is ongoing with Butterfly Conservation's Butterfly Monitoring Scheme transects both on Nonsuch Park and Warren Farm.

There is a long list of people who have contributed records over the years, which goes to show how interesting the site is to have engaged the number of people involved. Many thanks go to; Dick Alder, Tristan Bantock, Elizabeth Bennett, Peter Camber, Graham Collins, Howard Davies, Peter Denny, Frank Dobson, Bill Downey, Richard Fitter, Mike Fox, Alison Fure, Jack Gardiner, Isobel Girvan, John Glasgow, Eric Groves, Roger Hawkins, Stephen Hewitt, Peter Holland, George Hounsome, Peter Howarth, Roy Hurr, Doris Hutchings, Jovita Kaunang, Ian Kitching, David Lonsdale, Mick Massie, Ian Menzies, Frances Murphy, John Owen, Ron Parker, Bryan Radcliffe, John Sankey, Brian Spooner, Eileen Taylor, Mark Turner, Tom Thomas, Peter Trew, E.J. and P.Wakeham, Paul Wheeler, Pam Wilson, Frances Wright and Jean Wright.

All the records on file have been collated in to the list found in Appendix 2.

Position in an Ecological Unit

Sites entirely surrounded by urban development usually score very badly, even so Nonsuch Park scores quite well as it has been maintained as a park for many centuries. Although surrounded by houses, two green corridors to open country are present by the railway line and open land through Ewell to Epsom and Ashtead Commons. It is also part of Surrey's North Downs Biodiversity Opportunity Area and links should be sought to connect to Howell Hill and Priest Hill to Epsom and Walton Downs.

Potential Value

If management recommendations outlined in the management plan are followed, the potential to increase the biodiversity value of the park is huge. Chalk grassland could be restored, which is an internationally important habitat and the management of the great mosaic of habitats will support a very diverse range of plants and animals. Biodiversity and functioning ecosystems also bring benefits to tackle climate change and will improve visitors' experience.

Intrinsic Appeal

Given its urban fringe location, Nonsuch Park represents an important and well-used recreational facility, forming a green oasis in a heavily urbanised area. The park has many visitors, has good access for local residents, and is well served by public transport. The landscape of specimen trees, woodlands, far reaching views over large areas of grasslands are an attractive place where people and wildlife come together. The site also has a long history with well-known links to Henry VIII.

2.2 Management compartments

The tables below contain information on all the management compartments, with a description of the current habitat status, current management regime, and future management prescriptions. Some of the descriptions have not changed since the last management plan written by Peter Howarth, which were very thorough and remain accurate, so these have been used again. The species listed use scientific and common names, along with the abundance in some circumstances, using the DAFOR system. This is a way of describing the abundance of a plant and uses the following key: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

2.2.1 Hedgerows

General principles:

- Hedges provide shelter and create microhabitats and the longer, larger and more dense it is, the
 more benefits it provides for wildlife such as birds, bats and other mammals. Bats and mammals
 will not cross a gap as small as 10m.
- Regular annual trimming prevents flowering and berry production, reducing valuable food for birds and mammals.
- If cutting with a tractor and side arm, ideally a maximum of one third of the length of any given hedge should be managed in a single year. The hedge should be cut on rotation over three to five years depending on the size of the hedge.
- The hedgerows, which have become larger lines of scrub banks should be scalloped in to the centre, in sections. This should be done using volunteers rather than machinery. Each section should be roughly 20m or so and then 20m should be left before another scalloped section begins. This way you create age structure but retain the length of the hedge. On the opposite side, the scalloped section should be opposite a section that is not cut. This results in a zig-zag shape if viewed from above.
- Cutting and trimming should take place preferably in winter, ideally January, and never during the main nesting season of March to August. This minimises the risks of nests being destroyed and food supplies being reduced. Autumn trimming removes valuable seeds and berries. Most of the berries of Hawthorn and Blackthorn, for example, tend to be on the outermost twigs and cutting these before they are eaten means depriving birds of an important food source.
- Ground cover at the base of a hedge should be retained over winter for ground-nesting birds.
- Planting in hedge gaps should be undertaken during the winter, when the ground is warm and some moisture is available. It is suggested that the species used include Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Buckthorn, Holly, Dogwood, Guelder Rose, Field Maple and Hazel. Fencing and protection may be required. If vandalism is a problem then use less conspicuous spiral guards.
- Mature trees in hedgerows, including dead ones, should be left in-situ (wherever public safety constraints permit) as potential nest sites, with consideration being given to erecting nest-boxes in suitable trees lacking large enough holes.
- It is always worthwhile considering planting native broad-leaved trees to become standard trees and fill suitable gaps in hedgerows. These should ideally be unevenly spaced. It is suggested that distances between them should exceed 8m to 9m. Even when trees stretch just a few metres above the main body of a hedge they are used by birds as song-posts.

	Description	Management requirements and potential
Α	Known as Cherry Orchard Slip, this is a line	Retain hedges, gap up, widen and extend this
	of trees bordering Cherry Orchard Farm	hedgerow where possible as they provide a
	and the rest of Nonsuch Park. It has	valuable wildlife corridor.
	become wide and scrubby in places and	It is important to open up a gap to allow
	forms a valuable wildlife corridor. It	access for the tractor to be able to manage
	contains species such Ash, Elm (many of	Cherry Orchard Farm.

	history does the constraints	The Proceedings of the control of th
	which are dead), Sycamore, Horse	The line of Horse Chestnuts is starting to
	Chestnut, bramble, nettle.	succumb to the leaf miner. As they die, they
	There is also a line of trees bordering the	are replaced with sweet Chestnut.
	path, mainly Horse Chestnuts	
В	Leading around from the car park is a line	Consider planting up with
	of trees/hedge consisting of a mix of Ash,	Hawthorn/Blackthorn to make it a denser
	Horse Chestnut, Elder, Elm with a margin	hedgerow and more appealing to wildlife.
	of nettles, burdock etc.	
С	This is the beginning of what is known as	This small section should be scalloped as
	Diana's Dyke, which is interpreted as a	described above, to ensure a good age
	Tudor drainage or ornamental feature. At	structure and prevent encroachment in to
	first there is an area of dense dominant	Nonsuch Field.
	Blackthorn with a sparse ground flora	
	consisting of the moss Kindbergia	
	praelonga. The herb layer was also sparse	
	consisting of Ivy and Nettles. Along the	
	edge of the scrub species such as Smaller	
	Cats Tail, Common Cleavers, Ground Ivy	
_	and Field Ivy are found.	Digitative gave left by dood Flags As as as
D	As the dyke continues the habitat changes	Plant up gaps left by dead Elms. As much
	to an area of large trees including Norway	dead wood should be left in situ as possible.
	Maple, English Oak, Horse Chestnut and	Scalloping will encourage age structure and a
	Ash with a developed shrub layer	better density.
	consisting of English Elm, Blackthorn and	
	Elder. The herb layer contains species such	
	as Ivy mainly, Bramble, Common Nettle,	
	Herb Robert, Ground Ivy, and Wood False	
<u> </u>	Brome.	
E	This is a clipped Hawthorn hedge running	This hedge should be trimmed to ensure no
	along the western side of Red Gate Field.	encroachment in to the car park or Red Gate
		Field, which is a picnic/no-dog area.
F	The area to the east of Red Gate Field is a	This should be scalloped to create age
	wide scrub/tree line. It is 15m wide and	structure. Its depth should be maintained as it
	contains mainly Elm and also Hawthorn,	is a very valuable scrub line. The Red Gate
	English Oak, Ash, Hornbeam and Cherry,	Field side should be trimmed more regularly
	with a margin of brambles and nettles.	to ensure it doesn't encroach.
G	The northern edge of Red Gate Field is a	Plant to fill gaps with suggested species
	very gappy hedge/dotted trees including	mentioned above. Retain Oaks at appropriate
	Elm, English Oak and nettles.	spacing to become larger trees.
Н	This scrub bank has grown up along the	Scallop as described above to maintain good
	ditch line leading to Round Pond. It is	age structure and prevent it from becoming
	mainly Blackthorn with standard trees	just a tree line. Ensure the ditch itself does
	consisting of English Oak and Ash.	not become blocked with vegetation.
ı	Running parallel to H, this scrub line	Again, scallop to create age structure. The
	consists mainly of Blackthorn with standard	Nonsuch Voles regularly clear the ditch itself,
	trees consisting of English Oak and Ash.	to ensure it does not become blocked, which
		should continue.
j	Clipped Hawthorn hedge running alongside	Trimmed regularly with hedge cutter to
	the Dog Socialisation area and the tarmac	prevent encroachment on to the path and in
	path leading to the Mansion House.	to the dog socialisation field.
	path leading to the Mansion House.	to the dog socialisation field.

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К	Tree line including English and Turkey Oaks, Hawthorn, Elm, Hornbeam, Dog Rose, and Bramble. There is a veteran oak tree on this hedge line.	There is a desire line in from Sparrow Farm Car Park Field in to Six Acre Field, through this hedge line, which runs at the base of the veteran oak tree. Access here should be discouraged, as it will eventually have a detrimental impact on the tree and its roots. A combination of planting up with suggested species and scalloping to create age structure will benefit this hedge. Remove and treat all Turkey Oaks.
L	Tree line including English Oak, Ash, Hawthorn and Bramble.	This hedge has grown up and is now really a tree line with bramble underneath. Planting up with suggested species to create a hedge and keep appropriate larger trees within the hedge line.
M	Tree line including some veteran Oak trees, Ash, Hawthorn, Elm and Field Maple.	This is very similar to L and is really a treeline with bramble at the base. Planting up with suggested species to create a hedge and keep appropriate larger trees within the hedge line.
N	Tree line, which has grown up along the main ditch through the park. It includes Willow sp, English Oak, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Sycamore, Elder and Elm.	It links hedge I and Red Barn Field. The ditch is maintained currently by the Nonsuch Voles, which should continue. The vegetation is currently quite young and scrubby. As the trees mature, the understorey species such as the Hawthorn and Blackthorn should be scalloped to retain age structure.
0	Clipped Hawthorn hedge.	This should be regularly trimmed to ensure no encroachment in to Pit Field of Reads Field.
P	Line of trees/shrubs including Elder, Sycamore, Hawthorn, Cherry with a margin of Brambles and Nettles.	Plant up with suggested hedgerow species and scallop on rotation in years to come.

2.2.2 Mixed deciduous woodland

General principles:

- The overall aim is to create a more diverse woodland structure both in terms of its vertical structure and in terms of age. A woodland should have a canopy (taller trees), understorey (smaller trees/shrubs, which can grow in shadier conditions), field layer (flowers, grasses) and ground layer (mostly mosses). It should also contain plants of different ages, as animals need woodland in all its successional stages. Management should seek to maintain a continuous supply of young growth and protect and enhance mature features such as veteran trees and decaying wood. This can be achieved by opening up the woodland in targeted locations by coppicing or thinning, creating glades, creating rides, managing ride edges and the perimeter edge of the woodland, or by halo releasing mature specimens.
- Suitable trees should be selected to become the next veterans.
- Ivy growing on trees is a very important part of the woodland ecosystem. The foliage and flowers provide food, the stems and evergreen foliage are used for hibernating insects as well as bats and other wildlife and this outweighs any damage it may do to the tree.
- Avoid damage to wood banks & other historical features
- Woodland operations should adhere to the <u>UK Forestry Standard</u> and only 5m3 can be felled in any one calendar quarter unless a felling license is agreed with the Forestry Commission.

Decaying Wood

- Decaying wood is an extremely important habitat type within a woodland ecosystem, and yet is
 often the most overlooked. It allows much-needed nutrients back into the soil through
 decomposition. Lying wood decomposes from the outside in and dead standing wood decays
 from the inside out and both provide considerable opportunities for saproxylic (deadwood)
 invertebrate specialists and other wildlife. A combination of lying and standing decaying wood
 should be retained.
- During thinning operations, dangerous trees posing health and safety risks will have to be cut down. However, if safe to do so, tree surgeons should be asked to monolith some trees in the thinning programme by cutting off the branches and leaving the trunk upright. Ideally, they should be broken or cut jaggedly to mimic a natural break. Artificial bat hibernaculums could be cut into the trunk as well. If this is not possible then the trunk should be cut down and left on the ground in situ. The bigger the better as the trunks are buffered from drying out and the greater the number of organisms it will support. If this proves impracticable then the branches and trunk should be cut and stacked into habitat piles to rot down.
- Tree protection zones should be considered to keep the public away from an area where a tree might fall to allow it to die naturally.
- Tight as well as loose habitat piles provide different conditions. Leave the logs as large as
 possible to deter vandals moving them or setting fire to them, or wire them together with steel
 cables. If possible, some of the log habitat piles should be put just under the ground and the turf
 replaced, which will provide habitat for invertebrates such as stag beetles.
- Ring barking (deep and wide) can be considered as part of thinning works, to provide additional
 decaying wood. Any actions should first be fully assessed for health and safety implications. Tree
 surgeons could also be asked to make holes in live standing trees to initiate rot and drill holes in
 forks and crowns to increase water retention.
- Root plate and stumps from fallen trees should be retained for solitary bees and wasps and other invertebrates, unless it constitutes a safety hazard.

Woodland edge creation/management

• Woodland edge is an extremely important part of a woodland ecosystem. A gradation of habitat between short to longer grass, to scrub, to woodland is very important and is particularly important for birds and invertebrates.

- This can be achieved by pushing back the edge of a woodland by 10-20 metres and managing the regrowth on rotation, not allowing it to grow back to the height it was and encouraging species such as hawthorn and blackthorn.
- It can also be created naturally by not cutting right up to the edge of the woodland from adjacent meadows. By stopping cutting the grass, it will gradually scrub up.
- It can also be achieved by planting up along the edge of a woodland with shrub/smaller tree species such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Dogwood, Guelder Rose, Field Maple, Privet etc. 10-20m wide plantings should be established using locally native shrub species. To give a scalloped effect avoid planting in straight lines. Again, once established, this should then be managed in sections, on rotation to ensure a good age structure.
- Woodland edge that is already present should be managed by scalloping to create a wavy, longer edge, in roughly 10-20 m sections, 1-3m deep. Alternate section should be cut. Only once they have grown up to the same height as before, should the non-cut sections be cut. This ensures a good age structure.
- Having a variety of age classes will result in supporting the greatest variety of wildlife.
- Habitat piles should be created as mentioned above or should be disposed of by burning or chipping. Due to the urban nature of the park, any fires used to dispose of vegetation should be taped off clearly to warn members of the public.

Minimum Intervention

- Allowing a woodland to develop naturally and be subject to natural processes is also important
 to allow within a site. Having a variety of management adds to the variety of habitats a site can
 support and in turn, the variety of wildlife. For example, some of the rare woodland bats prefer
 a woodland that is dense with less glades/rides etc.
- Most of the woodland within Nonsuch is relatively young, so can be left to develop naturally.
 However, it is important to monitor the woodland to ensure there is good regeneration
 potential. As mentioned previously, it is important to have a variety of ages class within a
 woodland, so it is important there is room for saplings to develop in to mature trees.
- Minimum intervention concentrates on tree safety works and removal of non-natives.

Non-native/Invasive species

Non-native species should be removed and treated to prevent them growing back. However,
where tree specimens are very mature, for example a Turkey Oak within the Banqueting House
Woodland, these should be retained. Sycamore should be kept as part of the woodland
composition, particularly due to the threat Ash Die Back poses to the composition of our
woodland (see Threats below).

Timing of work

Woodland work is best carried out during November to February, when the trees are dormant
and to avoid the bird nesting season (March to August) and unsuitable times for bats and other
important wildlife.

Threats

- Ash die back/ Chalara fraxinea is a fungal disease, which kills Ash trees. There are large amounts
 of Ash within the woodland in Nonsuch Park so they will be impacted. The Ash trees need to be
 monitored for presence of Ash Dieback and removed if necessary, on a risk-based approach
 based on public safety considerations.
- Oak Processionary Moth also poses an issue for the management of the woodland within the
 park. If large infestations occur, it can pose a threat to the tree itself through defoliation.
 However, currently the main concern is for human health, due to the toxic nature of the hairs of
 the caterpillars, resulting in rashes if they come in to contact with skin, or breathing problems if

inhaled. The current policy is to survey the oak trees during the nest building season (June and July) and remove those which are head height or below, or are in a dangerous location e.g. above a bench. Costs implications will need to be planned for.

- Other tree diseases have not been discovered as yet but care should be taken to look out for them e.g. sudden oak death.
- Events like running, bmx and parking pressure needs to be managed to stop root damage/compaction.

1). The Ancient Wood

Description - This area of woodland is Ancient Woodland and was confirmed as such in the 2011 Inventory of Ancient Woodland in Surrey. The canopy is made up predominantly of English Oak and Ash. Towards the northern end has a well-developed shrub layer composed of frequent Hawthorn, Midland Hawthorn, Wild Cherry, Crab Apple, Field Maple, Elder, Wild Privet, Yew, English Elm and Spurge Laurel. The herb layer was composed of Cow Parsley in places, with Wood False Brome, Hairy Brome, Wood Millet, Giant Fescue, Wood Dock, Remote Sedge, Wood Sedge, Hedge Woundwort and Garlic Mustard. The Ancient status is reinforced by the presence of a bank and ditch line on the north-eastern edge. The south-western edge has a dense margin of blackthorn.

Comments on past management – Management has largely been prioritised on The Wood to the south and management in The Ancient Wood has been minimum intervention. However, the Blackthorn in the south-western corner was scalloped by the Nonsuch Voles and a small area of coppicing/glade creation took place.

Future management – Management will mainly take place in conjunction with halo release of mature oaks with veteran characteristics, and safety management of ash trees. Towards the North of the woodland, oaks are more dominant and are of relatively even age. They are quite densely packed and have grown very tall. Many have good veteran tree characteristics, so picking which ones to keep and which to thin will need to be considered carefully. Where the Ash trees become more common, towards the south of the ancient wood, they should be preferentially thinned rather than the oaks.

There is an area of large Ash trees where the Ancient Wood meets The Wood. These will ultimately become a safety issue due to Ash Die-Back. To ensure the right trees are felled, after assessing which trees should go, an assessment of their health should take place and also their habitat potential in terms of bat roosts and bird nesting. Sickly trees and those which provide less biodiversity value should be favoured to remove.

There is an area of Ash running alongside the footpath adjacent to Cheam Park, which will ultimately become a safety issue. These should be cleared and replaced with local provenance Oak and Hazel planting.

Ride side management should be carried out either side of the main path running through the middle of the woodland, creating woodland edge within, by creating scallops on alternating sides. Natural regeneration of Oak should be monitored and supplemented with planting if necessary, along with Hazel as an understory. In some areas there is a good shrub layer of wild privet and in others it is very sparse. These sparse areas where light is an issue would favour thinning of the canopy.

Spanish bluebells should be dug out and Turkey Oak removed and chemically treated. Aim to create glades where trees have already fallen naturally and created small open areas. The south-western and western edge of the woodland is an area to create woodland edge, by stopping the mowing regime of Hill Field from meeting the edge of the woodland and allowing natural regeneration of scrub and woodland edge.

The south-western corner, already has a good bank of blackthorn. This should continue to be scalloped on rotation to maintain good age structure. This is particularly important for the Brown

Hairstreak *Thecla betulae*, which is a priority species. They will only lay their eggs on young blackthorn, so it is essential to maintain this resource for them, as they are present on site. The proposed work will give rise to limited numbers of oak butts which could be milled on site using a mobile sawmill with use of timber on EEBC estate and public education value of milling work being used to offset felling and extraction costs.

Harvesting to be by hand (chainsaw) felling with judicious use of low ground-pressure forwarders/skidders for extraction of timber.

2). The Wood

Description - This is an area of woodland with a canopy of mainly Ash and English Oak but has much more Horse Chestnut, Beech, Lime and Sycamore than the ancient section to the north. It has a well-developed shrub layer including Hawthorn, English Elm, Wych Elm, Holly, Field Maple, Elder, Wild Privet, Goat Willow, Hornbeam, Silver Birch and Blackthorn. The herb layer was composed with Wood False Brome, Herb Robert, Nettle, Brambles, Cleavers, Cow Parsley and Garlic Mustard. The Ancient Woodland survey makes note that there are obvious differences in the structure and flora influenced by the underlying geology (The Ancient Wood is on clay, The Wood is on Woolwich and Reading Beds and Thanet Sand), which may mask the ancient status by resulting in a field layer with less Ancient Woodland Indicator Species.

Comments on past management – Work first started within this woodland during 2011/12 by thanks to funding secured by John Armitage of Future Woodlands and EEBC. The Wood (along with Cheam Slip aka Boundary Copse) received funds through a Woodland Improvement Grant from the Forestry Commission. The Lower Mole Partnership Volunteers helped kick-start the first coppicing task and carried out the path resurfacing and also improved the ditch and culvert bordering Cheam Park. The grant funding also paid for some interpretation panels explaining the work being carried out.

The work that has been carried out since 2011, has been guided by the management plan written for the purposes of the grant proposal and has involved coppicing the woodland in sections, (see map 5) whilst retaining well-spaced standard trees and managing the vegetation alongside the paths, which has been pushed back/ thinned. The Ash and Sycamore have been thinned out and Oak and Hazel trees planted. Some Sycamore has had a second rotation of coppicing carried out. All the large tree felling and thinning work has been carried out by Future Woodlands, assisted by the Nonsuch Voles.

The main path leading up from the Mansion House towards Cheam Park is managed regularly by the Nonsuch Voles and was replanted with a mix of native tree species, which are now managed annually to promote growth. In section 2b, a hazel coppice demonstration area has been planted and is managed annually to control bramble regrowth. All trees that have been planted were from UK provenance. The ride management and opening up of the woodland by coppicing carried out by Future Woodlands and the Nonsuch Voles has promoted a better understory and herb layer. All snowberry that was present has been removed by digging up.

Future management suggestions -

The coppice cycle that has begun should continue on a 7-15 yr cycle. Adjacent cants should not be cut in consecutive years, to avoid disturbance to wildlife. Suggested order would be A, C, E, B then D. Hazel stools should have a 3-5m spacing. Supplementary planting of UK provenance or locally grown Hazel trees should occur if spacing is not dense enough. Coppice and natural regeneration will be the primary restocking methods apart from the enrichment of Hazel.

The Wood has been noted as a high priority area for ash die back management. The Ash trees need to be monitored for presence of Ash Dieback and removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations. Replacement planting with Hazel could assist with mitigating the effect of losing Ash affected by *Chalara* and as mentioned previously,

Sycamore could start to take the place of Ash although care will still need to be taken to ensure Sycamore does not dominate the woodland.

Ride side management should continue to allow good access to manage the woodland and manage where visitors walk. Opening up alongside paths and creating glades where appropriate will benefit wildlife by allowing more light to the woodland floor encouraging a better diversity of plant and animal life.

Halo release mature specimens by gradually thinning out surrounding trees. It should be noted that Sycamore does not make good timber for firewood unless the bark is stripped, which is labour intensive. More funds may be needed to ensure the coppicing and thinning work to account for the reduced value of Sycamore.

Turkey Oak should be removed by felling or ring barking if safe to do so and treated to prevent regrowth. Any other non-natives should also be removed and treated. Spanish bluebells should be dug up and native bulb planting could improve the herb layer of the woodland.

On the eastern edge of Plantation Field (adjacent to The Wood,) there are avenues of Birch, Poplar, Ash and red/pin Oak trees. The Ash trees will succumb to Ash Die-Back and should be removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations. The Poplars are not the best specimens so it is suggested that these avenues of trees are removed and supplementary planted with Oak and Hazel understory, which will have the effect of extending The Wood and creating a good woodland edge habitat.

The southern edge of Plantation Field has a line of Scot's Pine trees and underneath it was once mown but has now been allowed to scrub up. This area could be planted up with Hazel to create a shrub layer.

3). Cheam Park Woodland

Description - This woodland is composed of a mix of trees including Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Pedunculate Oak, Ash, Hornbeam and Beech. In some areas, there is a developed shrub layer of, Hawthorn, and English Elm, with some Holly, Yew and Hazel. There is a very large Horse Chestnut on the boundary with Cheam Park. In other areas, the shrub layer is absent or dominated by Bramble. Generally the wood has an open canopy and open understorey. The herb layer is dominated with Ivy and some Wood Avens.

Comments on past management – Minimum intervention. Work identified included tree safety works, removal of Snowberry and Cherry Laurel, fell and treat or ring-bark Sycamore, Turkey Oak and Norway Maple. Over the last 5 years, no work has been carried out within this woodland.

Future management – Previous management suggested should be carried out, prioritising removal of Snowberry, Cherry Laurel and Turkey Oak. Start with removing any Turkey Oaks/Cherry Laurel in the vicinity of large mature trees such as the Horse Chestnut on the boundary with Cheam Park. As the woodland is thinned of non-natives, natural regeneration should be the primary restocking method.

4). Walnut Grove

Description – The Walnut Grove was planted in December 2015 and there were 21 trees originally. The trees were provided by Mike Ford of the Epsom & Ewell Tree Advisory Board. About 2 years after planting, they were hit by a late frost which blackened the emerging leaves.

Comments on past management – Unfortunately, several have had to be replaced by Mike due to vandalism or failure to establish. Quite recently one had been snapped and almost pulled from the ground. Unfortunately the Walnut Grove is struggling to establish because they are in a vulnerable position and of course Walnuts are slow to grow. The Nonsuch Voles committed to water and weed around the walnut trees for 2 years, but this has continued and the Voles often weed them annually. The trees were also watered during the very dry spell of 2020. The grass around the trees is left uncut.

Future management – Light shade is tolerated at the early stages of development but full sun is ideal, so their location is perfect. As the trees are still struggling, watering should continue during dry spells if possible. It would be advisable to add a layer of mulch of well-rotted compost around the base of the trees to help feed the trees and retain moisture. The Tree Advisory Board members would be willing to assist in on-going care and assist with tasks to mulch around the base of the trees.

Regular pruning is unnecessary but, if required, remove dead or crossed branches. Pruning should be undertaken between mid-summer and early autumn as walnuts are prone to 'bleeding' (sap oozing from the pruning cut). Hard pruning is not tolerated.

The grass will need cutting to prevent scrub encroachment. This should be done annually using brushcutters, being careful not to damage the trees. Ideally the arising will be raked up an removed.

5). Nonsuch Girls School Boundary Woodland

Description – This a very thin strip of woodland with standard trees including Horse chestnuts, Sycamore and Ash with very little understory. The ground layer is sparse with mainly ivy and bramble covering the ground. The easternmost area near the gate has more understory and some regeneration of trees.

Comments on past management – None apart from tree safety works if necessary.

Future management – Minimum Intervention, allow natural regeneration. Remove non-natives if they appear. It is likely that the Cherry Laurel could spread eastwards from Cheam Slip.

6). Red Barn Field

Description – As the name suggests, this once was an open field but has been allowed to scrub up and has become a woodland. The main ditch starts here. It still has quite an open canopy and a grassy herb layer with cow parsley and some bramble. Trees include mainly Ash and Lime, and also Larch, Oak saplings, Beech, Hawthorn, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut and Yew.

Comments on past management – The ditch that starts within this woodland is managed annually by staff and Nonsuch Voles to ensure it remains clear and flowing.

Future management –In previous plans it has been suggested to interplant this woodland with shrub species. If funding and resources allow, this would be advantageous, however allowing it to regenerate naturally would be interesting to monitor.

7). Great Meadow Plantation

Description – An area of Great Meadow has been planted with memorial trees to create this plantation. Trees include Field Maple, Rowan, Ash, Common Lime, Sweet Chestnut, Larch, Beech, Silver Birch, Cherry sp, Oak, and Hornbeam.

However, these trees are growing amongst quite diverse mesotrophic grassland with a tall sward. Species found here include Smaller cats-tail, Creeping bent, abundant False Oat-grass, frequent Yorkshire Fog, Cocksfoot, rare occasional patches of Horseradish, Creeping Thistle, Common Nettle, Black Knapweed, Red Bartsia, Meadow Vetchling, Lady's bedstraw, Ribwort Plantain, Germander Speedwell, Common Ragwort, Field Bindweed, Burnet Saxifrage and Birdsfoot Trefoil.

Comments on past management – The grass is cut around the trees in September. Memorial tree planting that was mainly organised by Sue and the grounds staff before her.

Future management – The grass should be kept mown around the trees (not directly under their canopy), ideally with arisings removed. The trees themselves are at a good spacing and no more should be planted other than to replace any that are currently there. Condition of the trees should be monitored to ensure longevity.

8). Larch Triangle

Description – This is an area of mesotrophic grassland with Larch trees planted amongst it.

Comments on past management – The grass is cut around the trees in September.

Future management – The grass should be kept mown around the trees (not directly under their canopy), ideally with arisings removed. The trees themselves are at a good spacing and no more should be planted other than to replace any that are currently there. Condition of the trees should be monitored to ensure longevity.

9). Cheam Slip (aka Boundary Copse)

Description – This woodland has self-seeded in between the main path called 'The Avenue' and the partly constructed roadway, abandoned in World War II. It was open until about 1960 (June Chatfield pers. comm.) and has slowly developed in to a strip of woodland.

In the more open areas, species such as Hemlock, Guernsey Fleabane, Herb Robert, White Dead Nettle and common cleavers occur. The main canopy trees are Sycamore, Norway Maple, Ash, some Birch, Oaks and Hornbeam. The thinning has allowed a more developed shrub layer composed of Hawthorn, Hazel, Elder and English Elm to develop. In places, the shrub layer is dominated by Cherry Laurel, which casts a heavy shade with large areas of bare ground beneath. There is a veteran oak tree close to the car park.

Comments on past management – As mentioned earlier, this woodland was part of a Forestry Commission Woodland Improvement Grant scheme, and management has been guided by this. Sub-compartments 4f,4g,4h (see map 4) were identified as coppice for firewood over 20 yr cycle retaining only selected oak, ash, crab apple as widely spaced canopy trees. The sycamore was retained as coppice. Removal of Cherry Laurel, Turkey oak and other exotics was begun. Sub-compartments 4i, 4j, 4k were identified to be retained as a screen between Nonsuch and Warren Farm. BUT: remove exotics over three years commencing with 10% thin of stand of mature Scots Pine and replant with English Oak and Hazel of UK provenance. This planting, the coppicing in f, g and h, along with natural regeneration, will be the re-stocking methods. The main activity so far has been to coppice the sycamore and subsequently re-coppice in f, g and h. The Scot's Pine was also thinned by 10% in compartment i.

Although the Cherry Laurel was thinned, follow up chemical treatment did not occur so this activity has been abandoned and the Cherry Laurel has since regrown.

Any Canadian Goldenrod found has been removed by pulling.

Oaks were planted by children from Ewell Castle in compartments 4I,4J, 4f and 4g during an activity organised by the Nonsuch Voles in 2016.

Future management – Continue with coppice rotation. 4h was coppiced first in winter 2013/14. 4i and 4f were managed in Winter 2014/2015. Within the next 5 yr plan, 4g should be coppiced in 21/22 and 4h in 23/24 and 4i in 25/26.

Between 4j and 4g is an avenue of oaks and limes which should be protected.

In cants i, j and k, focus should remain on felling and treating Turkey Oak and Norway Maple and replacement planting of UK native broad leaves such as English Oak and Hazel of UK provenance. Funds need to be found to treat the Cherry Laurel before any further cutting takes place. Coppicing Laurel will just make it more vigorous. It rapidly regenerates from cut shoots, and

frequently produces suckers from the roots. Cut material needs to be disposed of carefully as cut stems can root if left on the ground.

It is possible that grant funding can be applied for removal of Cherry Laurel and this should be investigated.

NB - Sycamore does not make good firewood therefore will need paying more to manage.

10). Castlemaine Slip

Description – As with Cheam Slip, this area of woodland has self-seeded and regenerated naturally. Starting at the eastern end, adjacent to Cheam Slip, it is an area of woodland with an open canopy composed of frequent Sycamore, occasional Ash and English oak and rare English Elm, Horse chestnut and Wild Cherry. Most of the trees are of an even age and size, with the exception of the Horse Chestnut trees which are larger. There is a dense bramble, nettle scrub/ruderal area along with some Cow Parsley, Cocksfoot and Broad leaved Dock. There was a moderately well-developed shrub layer composed of English Elm, Elder, Bramble, Holly, Yew and Cherry Laurel. The herb layer was poor, dominated by Ivy. The ground layer was also poor, restricted to a few patches of *Kindbergia praelonga* and *Brachythecium rutabulum*. The trees had poorly developed epiphytes with few species present such as *Bryum cappilarre* and *Rynostegium confertum*.

Following the raised path and moving west within the compartment is a line of mature trees. These include Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, and English Oak. A number of these trees are multistemmed indicating they have been cut in the past. Scattered in this area are larger trees mainly Common Lime, Scots Pine and English Oak. There is little developed shrub layer with some Holly, Hazel, Hawthorn and Cherry Laurel. The herb layer is also poor with frequent Ivy and rare Wood False Brome. The ground layer is also poor with lots of bare ground and limited bryophytes. These include *Kindbergia praelonga, Fissedens taxifolius* and small patch of *Atrichum undulatum*. Two rows of mature trees are present between 'The Avenue' and the main woodland. Trees here include Copper Beech (Fagus sylvatica 'purpurea'), Horse Chestnut and Common Lime.

Comments on past management – The mature Horse Chestnuts along The Avenue are replaced with Sweet Chestnut as they succumb to the leaf miner. Otherwise, no management has taken place.

Future management – This woodland could be sectioned up in a similar way to Cheam Slip. The difference in shrub and herb layer between the two woodlands is clear to see and Castlemaine Slip would benefit from similar management. If thinking of the woodland in thirds, it is dominated by Sycamore in its western and eastern third. The centre third has more oak and hawthorn. The Sycamore should be retained as coppice for firewood and Turkey oak and Norway maple felled and treated. There are some oaks here than need to be halo released. Where oaks are more common in the centre, favour the more mature specimens and thin out non-natives first. Retain some Hawthorn as understorey. Remove and treat Snowberry and Cherry Laurel. As resources may not allow for all the work to happen in these next five years, initial focus should be on coppicing the Sycamore and removing the Cherry Laurel. As the woodland is thinned of non-natives, natural regeneration should be the primary restocking method. The Ash trees need to be monitored for presence of Ash Dieback and removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations.

11). Banqueting House Woodland

Description - The woodland here is similar to the rest of the woodland described in Cheam and Castlemaine Slip, although the ground flora is slightly more diverse. However, it is very shaded but quite a lot of dead wood present. The main canopy trees are Sycamore, Norway Maple, Cherry, Oak, Ash, with an understorey of Hawthorn, Hazel, Elder, Holly, Yew. Nettles and bramble dominate the ground layer but amongst it, you can find Wood Avens, Male Fern, Lord's and Ladies, Germander Speedwell, Wood Dock and Wood False-brome. There are some hybrid Black Poplar to the west. Near the gardens there is some dumped garden waste. There are a couple of dead wood piles in this area of woodland, which will be beneficial to a number of species, including Stag Beetle which is known to use the dead wood in this area.

Comments on past management – No management of this area has taken place recently. **Future management** – Improved access to manage this woodland needs to be the first priority.

The path, which is also the route of the London Loop needs widening in places, particularly at the

eastern end and a small section of ground need levelling up. Due to the important nature of this path, grant funding should be investigated. There is also a path running along the southern edge of the woodland. Ride side vegetation management should occur along both of these paths. The woodland should be thinned by a maximum of 30% to create better age structure. The component of Ash in this woodland increases so they should be monitored for signs of Ash Die-Back and removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations. Priority for thinning should be given to the Sycamore/Norway Maple surrounding Oaks, particularly those trees affecting the large oaks with veteran characteristics.

Management should also focus on removal of Snowberry and Cherry Laurel. Fell and treat Turkey oak and Norway maple. There is more value to the timber of Norway Maple so may make it more cost effective to manage this woodland as it makes up a larger component than in others. As the woodland is thinned of non-natives, natural regeneration should be the primary restocking method.

An eye needs to be kept on the boundary encroachments from adjoining residential use and fly tipping.

The path leading from Cherry Orchard Scrub and Grassland, through the woodland to Five Acres Piece, needs to be opened up to allow better access for the management of the woodland and site of the Banqueting House.

12). Pottery Wood

Description - Secondary woodland. Comprising of mature Sycamore, Horse Chestnut and Oak forming an open canopy, and a well- developed shrub layer, much of which has grown up almost reaching canopy height, with Elm, Hawthorn and Wild Privet. The herb layer is mostly dominated by Bramble and Ivy, along with Common Cleavers, Cow Parsley, Dog Rose, False Oat Grass, Garlic Mustard, Hairy Brome, Herb Robert, occasional Nettle, Wood False Brome, Wood Dock, Wood Sedge, and Black Horehound. There are also areas of bare ground and a ground layer of mosses such as *Fissedens taxifolius, Rhynchostegiella pumila*. There is a variety of fallen dead wood. A wide area of this section of woodland has been used for mountain biking with lots of mounds and bare ground. There is also some rubbish dumped in this area. A small pond is present surrounded by bike jumps. At the northern end of the wood, some large mature Willows are present marking the rim of the former Bluegates pond (June Chatfield pers. comm.)

Comments on past management – It was supposed that the south eastern corner of this woodland was the historic site of the 'Grove of Diana'. Creation of a glade here was identified in the previus management plan. Prior to work, The Nonsuch Voles met with John Phillips (Sutton Borough Council's Heritge Project Manager) to review the site, but some doubt was expressed as to whether this was the actual historic site of the "Grove of Diana". This work was therefore cancelled.

Future management – Due to the presence of the mountain biking it is very difficult to manage this woodland. It is therefore suggested that this woodland is managed with minimum intervention.

13). Cherry Orchard Nursery

Description - The hard standing is concrete left in situ from the demolition of the nursery building. Found here was Buddleia, Purple Toadflax, mosses such as *Brachythecium albicans*, *Ceratadon purpureus* and *Pseudoscrossidium hornschuchianum*. It is quite open along the northern section of the path leading in from Bluegates with patches of rough grassland and is very good for butterflies. These habitats together with other areas of grassland will provide good habitat for reptiles such as Slow Worm, which have been recorded in good numbers nearby. As you come south along the path, nearer to Cherry Orchard Farm, the trees and bramble dominate. The woodland area is very dense as the old nursery stock trees were planted close together for

eventual lifting to plant out in the Borough. Trees include Hornbeam, Sycamore, Poplar, Silver Birch, and a Eucalyptus. There is also cotoneaster, yew, willow herb, bramble and nettles. The section to the east of the path is more developed woodland containing Ash, Poplar, Beech, Hornbeam, Yew, Bramble, Nettles and Ivy. There is still a lot of plastic posts and other rubbish left over from the nursery days along with invasive periwinkle.

Comments on past management – Tree safety works only

Future management –Woodland edge should be managed/created alongside the path to ensure grassy areas are retained for butterflies and slow worms. Remove non-natives and plastic rubbish left from its tree nursery days. The eastern area of woodland should be monitored for regeneration potential and thinned if necessary over time. Probably not needed over the next 5 yrs of this plan. The line of trees on the southern edge of the nursery including old poplars with many beetle holes and woodpecker borings should be retained. This could potentially be an area to plant an orchard but any planting would have to be subject to an archaeological assessment first.

14). Black Shed Field

Description – As the name would suggest this once was a field. Over the years, it has scrubbed up and is now a young woodland. At the end of the ditch line, used to be Ostracod Pond, which has now scrubbed up and is now part of the woodland. Trees growing here include Ash, Beech, Oak, Sweet Chestnut, with mainly Hawthorn and Elm making up the shrub layer. In places, it is still developing scrub rather than woodland. Along the southern edge, there is a margin of brambles and nettles.

Comments on past management - None identified

Future management – The vegetation to the south of New Pond should be opened up to allow light in to the pond. If funds are found to restore Ostracod Pond, it will need opening up around the margins along with an access route for machinery to dig it out. The vegetation around the pond margins should continue to be managed, particularly from the southern side to allow light and prevent excessive leaf fall in to the pond, which will speed up silt deposition.

15). London Road Plantation

Description - This is a narrow strip of plantation woodland. The species found here include Sycamore, English oak, Norway Maple, Ash, Common Lime, Field Maple, Silver Birch, Wych Elm, Cherry, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Ivy, Bramble, Cocksfoot, Perennial Rye-grass, False Oatgrass, Wood False Brome, Wall Barley, and Wood Avens. In the very southern area near the car park, there is an area with mature hazel stools.

Comments on past management – No work has been carried out recently.

Future management – The Woodland Improvement Grant proposal management plan identified this woodland for minimum intervention with a priority to remove Snowberry, Cherry Laurel and ringbark if safe to do so or fell and treat Turkey Oak and Norway maple. This should begin. It also highlighted that removal of late-maturity conifers plus some individual ash and poplar on site boundaries will be necessary in future years and structural diversification is advised through planned group felling. It is suggested that consideration be given to this as part of EEBC planned tree safety works as proximity of highway and residential property boundaries indicate that sectional felling will be needed. Moving north, it moves in to medium priority and low priority nearer Sparrow Farm Car Park. The Ash trees need to be monitored for presence of Ash Dieback and removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations. Also in the southern area is a section of Hazel. It was identified to coppice this stand of Hazel, along with the first 1-2 trees of the plantation. Unfortunately, this did not happened due to

difficulties in disposing of the brash. However, it is now possible to have fires to burn the brash as long as the fire is subsequently fenced with heras panels, supplied by on site staff, until the fire is safe

The eastern margin north of New Pond borders Russet Field, which has now scrubbed up quite considerably. This border should be managed as woodland edge. (See Russet Field) There are over-mature Poplars opposite Briarwood Road in the London Road Plantation that should also be subject to phased removal.

16). North Plantation

Description - This is a linear strip of woodland running along the boundary of the site. The main trees are Ash, Sycamore, Oak, Common Lime, Field Maple and Norway Maple. Understorey trees include Hawthorn and Elm. The herb layer is generally sparse but with notable patches of the nonnative bluebell and the Early Wood Violet. Wood dock, Bramble and Ivy is also present. There are quite a few mature/veteran English Oak trees spaced through the wood. Periwinkle has escaped from one of the gardens and is spreading.

Comments on past management – Tree safety work has taken place.

Future management – As with London Road Plantation, the Woodland Improvement Grant proposal management plan identified this woodland for minimum intervention with a priority to remove Snowberry, Cherry Laurel and ringbark if safe to do so or fell and treat Turkey Oak and Norway maple. Again, due to boundary isssues, management should be coordinated with planned EEBC tree safety works. The Ash trees need to be monitored for presence of Ash Dieback and removed if necessary on a risk-based approach based on public safety considerations. Thinning of non-natives affecting larger trees should be prioritised. Diversification of age structure will be needed and can be created through planned group felling.

There is an existing margin of blackthorn, which should be scalloped and developed to create a good woodland edge/scrub margin on the boundary with Field next to the lane.

Alongside margin with Daisy Field, leave a wider margin of uncut grass to allow creation of woodland edge either by natural succession or planting.

17). Sparrow Farm Copse

Description – This is an area where the hedge line has been allowed to expand and has become a small copse. Trees include Oak Hawthorn, Hornbeam, many dead Elms, Ash and Scots Pine. The ground layer is quite grassy with brambles and nettles.

Comments on past management - None

Future management –The copse should be enhanced by interplanting with some shrub species including Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Holly, Field Maple and Dog Rose. It is also suggested that a small number of pines are replanted here in order to provide a continuing host for the Saffron Milkcap fungus that occurs here.

18). Oak Wood

Description – A small woodland consisting of Oak including some very mature specimens, Sycamore, Scots Pine and Ash. The understorey consists of Field Maple, Elder, Blackthorn, Wild Privet, Holly, Yew, Rose and unfortunately Cherry Laurel and Turkey Oak. The herb layer is predominantly bramble and Ivy. The ground is undulating and a ditch line flows through here, which used to fill Sanctuary Pond. The pond is dry for most of the year and there has been an interesting assemblage of mosses noted here in the past on the surrounding trees. The pond has silted and scrubbed up and has become part of the woodland; however it still gets very wet in winter (Peter Steel pers comm). An oak has fallen within the wood providing good decaying wood

habitat. A large tree has also fallen out of the wood, in to the meadow at the northern edge, which also provides good habitat. The grassland it has fallen in to will inevitably scrub up which should be managed to provide good woodland edge habitat.

Comments on past management – Tree safety work.

Future management – The bulk of the woodland should be managed as minimum intervention and focus on removal of non-natives. Along the southern boundary, woodland edge should be created by pushing back the woodland by felling and canopy lifting. Over the years, the woodland has grown out and the grass path has moved steadily in to the meadow.

19). Old Stable Ground Wood

Description - This is a small area of woodland, with an open canopy and little shrub layer and a sparse herb layer. Species found here include Horse Chestnut, Common Lime, Swedish Whitebeam, Scots Pine, Elder, Hawthorn, Nettle, Ivy, Hogweed, and Herb Robert. There was a glade at the edge of the wood comprised of species such as Yorkshire Fog, False Oat- grass, Cocksfoot and Field Bindweed.

Comments on past management - None

Future management – Minimum intervention focusing on removal of Cherry Laurel. There is potential to leave an uncut margin around this copse to create woodland edge. In previous plans, it was suggested to plant up to join up with Hedge F. However, if the meadow is to be cut of hay this is not advisable. The space between the copse and the hedge is of archaeological interest. John Phillips, Heritage Projects Manager, London Borough of Sutton Libraries should be consulted prior to any scrub planting in this area.

20). Old Stable Ground Copse

Description – A small copse consisting of canopy trees including Norway Maple, Ash, Poplar, Oak, Turkey Oak and Sycamore. Understorey consists of Elm, Hawthorn, Privet and Elder. Herb layer includes Wood False Brome, Ivy, Nettles, Cow Parsley and Wood Avens. The eastern end of the copse has a large depression. The Southern side has a bench alongside.

Comments on past management – No management has taken place recently

Future management – Minimum intervention. Ensure vegetation is kept back from the bench.

2.2.3 Ponds

General principles:

- Maintain good light levels entering the pond by thinning/managing vegetation and trees surrounding the pond.
- Ensure marginal vegetation does not completely dominate the water.
- Manage vegetation in autumn when water levels are low, outside of the bird nesting season and aquatic invertebrates and amphibians are less active. Only remove one third of the vegetation at a time. Leave vegetation at the edge of the bank for a few days, before disposing of, so any animals caught up can safely return to the water.
- Reduce dogs disturbing the pond Not only can they disturb birds and aquatic life, there is also
 a chemical problem, recently highlighted in a study published in 'Science of The Total
 Environment.' Highly toxic insecticides used on cats and dogs to kill fleas are poisoning rivers and
 ponds across England. The discovery is "extremely concerning" for water insects, and the fish
 and birds that depend on them, the scientists said, who expect significant environmental
 damage is being done.

21). New Pond

Description – Dug out in 1984 as a balancing pond to prevent the flooding of London Rd. The pond vegetation is dominated by Reed Mace and Yellow Flag Iris, with some Water Mint, Brooklime, Marsh Marigold, Lesser Water Parsnip, Hard Rush, Glyceria maxima and Glyceria fluitans. The pond also has a number of invasive species such as *Crassula helmsii* (New Zealand Stonecrop) and Parrot's Feather. The bare mud area is the location for plants such as Marsh Cudweed, Trifid Bur marigold and Toad rush, in addition there was also the liverwort Riccia fluitans and the moss Aphanorrhegma patens. This pond is on the site of the Great Pond shown on the 1731 map of Nonsuch (June Chatfield pers. comm.).

Comments on past management - Reedmace is a key problem at this pond and during 2003 major management work to enhance the pond took place. This included the dredging of approximately one third of the reeds. However, they are still a dominating feature of the water and left alone they will continue to encroach on the rest of the vegetation where it is fast becoming a reedmace monoculture.

Future management – Although it is good practice to only clear up to one third of a pond's vegetation at any one time, the previous attempt did not work and it is suggested that further dredging work should attempt to control up to 40% of the reedmace vegetation. This should come from the centre of the pond and work out, that way the emergent and marginal vegetation will be left relatively undisturbed. This also means that further reed management can be controlled more easily from the outside of the pond. Whilst this dredging process is undertaken a deepening of the pond depth should also be considered, to help stop the reedmace establishing again. Dredging and de-silting the pond will come at quite a cost so budget implications will have to be considered.

Due to the invasive nature of the work it is recommended that an ecological survey take place prior to this work being undertaken to ensure that no rare or protected species will be harmed. Please note that there is a large fallen tree in the pond which is an important habitat in itself and if possible this should be retained.

The pond must not be allowed to completely silt up, or it will lose its function as a balancing pond. Whilst dogs should not be encouraged to jump into the water (it inevitably will happen), it is helping to keep part of the reedbed swamp open by disturbing the water. Dogs currently mostly use the eastern side of the pond whereas the western side has abundant reeds and this is where most birds nest.

Positive signage should be employed to ask dog owners to be considerate of nesting birds by not letting their dogs into the water and especially during the bird nesting season between March and August. Renewed fencing will help to protect the bird nesting area.

The surrounding vegetation has become quite dense and would benefit from being thinned, particularly along the southern edge, to encourage more light in to the pond. This thinning work should be carried out in autumn/winter, outside of the bird nesting season.

The drainage channels leading in to and out of the pond should be maintained and monitored. The area between the pond and London Road is often very boggy so possibly the culvert is blocked or the drainage channel needs attention.

22). Round Pond

Description - The earliest map clearly showing Round Pond is dated 1731, published in Dent's Quest for Nonsuch, although it is likely to have been there well before this date. It may have had its origin as a watering hole for deer in the Tudor deer park. The pond was probably spring fed and used to be more open years ago. At the eastern end of Round Pond there is a sandy edge of thanet sand with some flints, possibly from the Bullhead Beds that could be the impervious layer enabling a pond to exist here – June Chatfield

The pond has in the past had an interesting flora including Brackish Water Crowfoot, a County Rarity. First recorded in 1995. It was recorded again in 2018 and seen again in 2020 and 2021. Also present here in is abundant Redshank (Persicaria maculosa) along the edges with occasional Greater Plantain, Gipsywort (Lycopus europaeus), Common Knotweed and rare Trifid Bur Marigold (Bidens tripartitata), Marsh Cudweed (Gnaphalium uliginosum), Cuckoo-flower and Lesser Swinecress (Coronopus didymus). Common Duckweed is often seen on the water's surface. Marsh Foxtail was found here in 2005 (June Chatfield pers. comm.). The trees around and in the pond were Crack Williow and had a good range of epiphytic bryophytes. These included the liverworts Lophocolea bidentata, Metzgeria furcata, Metzgeria fruticulosa, Microlejeunea ulicina, Cololejeunea minutissima, Frullania dilatata and the mosses Orthotrichum lyellii, Zygodon conoides, Cryphaea heteromalla. Other trees in the area of the pond include Ash, Poplar, Aspen and Hawthorn. Bramble and dock is also encroaching around the edges along the fenceline. There are also occasional outbreaks of Azolla first seen in 2008.

In order to further investigate future management possibilities, the freshwater invertebrates of the pond were examined in Sept 2014. The water was sampled and the invertebrates identified. The pond had a poor invertebrate fauna composed of a few copepods, a few chromatid midge larva and pea mussels. This poor result can be added to a similar result carried out by June Chatfield in May of the same year.

Comments on past management – The last management plan highlighted the desperate state this pond was in and a lot of work has gone in to restore it by both the Nonsuch Voles and Lower Mole Partnership Volunteers. A fence was put around the pond to discourage dogs from entering the pond. This is working to a large extent but unfortunately, there are still some people who allow their dogs in to the pond. The vegetation around the southern side of the pond has been drastically reduced, allowing in more light resulting in a great response. The submerged and marginal plant cover has increased quite considerably. The vegetation on the southern side of the pond is cut back annually by the Nonsuch Voles.

Natural England carried out eDNA testing on a selection of ponds within the Borough to test for presence of Great Crested Newts. The results came back as positive for Round Pond, so Countryside Team Ecologist, Pete Howarth, carried out an egg search for GCNs in April 2020 and GCN eggs were found. (An egg search was also carried out around New Pond, newt eggs were found but no GCN eggs. A small bottle trapping survey was carried out on both ponds but no adults were found in either pond. Surveying was restricted due to the Covid 19 pandemic) Surveying continued in 2021 and GCNs have been found, both male and female adults.

Future management – An aquatic invertebrate survey should be repeated since the restoration work has been carried out.

The pond is very shallow and would benefit from deepening. However, the pond has a gravel bottom so an expert should establish how best to go about this. Due to the presence of GCNs, it is

important that the pond does not completely dry out too early in the year. Deepening the pond would ensure that this remains a viable pond for the GCNs. As with the management prescription for New Pond, there is a considerable cost involved in de-silting/dredging ponds. Budget constraints must be considered. Grant funding should be investigated to carry out the work on both ponds as a package.

Continue with thinning out of vegetation around the edge of the pond on an annual basis, particularly focussing on the southern side. Poplar trees are suckering all around the pond, which need to be controlled. The leaf drop is causing the water to become high in tannins and aquatic invertebrate life is very low. The willows should be pollarded regularly as well. It would also be advisable to plant up with native marginal plants to assist with providing habitat for aquatic invertebrates and egg laying opportunities for the GCNs.

Due to the presence of GCNs, the fence should be made completely dog proof and positive signage put in place to educate visitors as to the damage that dogs can do to aquatic and bird life.

Re-creation/creation of ponds

It has been noted from reading previous management plans and talking to the on-site staff that there have been quite a few ponds that have been lost to natural succession. While natural succession of ponds does offer good alternative wildlife benefits, it would seem sensible to offset the loss and new ponds should be created elsewhere in the park, or recreated in original positions. There were two bomb crater ponds (North Plantation and Russet Field) that no longer exist (June Chatfield pers. comm.).

There are also three, which are nearly lost, all at the end of ditch lines. (June Chatfield thinks these ditch lines were associated with past farming practises).

- **44). Brown Pond** is in Russet Field and still had some water beetles in 2014, along with copepods and ostracods. Brown Pond is fed by a ditch, which the Nonsuch Voles have cleared a couple of times and it does hold a low level of water in the wetter months. The Voles suggest this is probably the best candidate for recreation due to the volunteer input already undertaken and a good flow of water can be achieved in winter.
- **45). Sanctuary Pond** is in Oak Wood. There is an overflow pipe running from Brown Pond towards Oak Wood. It is not clear where the pipe exits, but in very wet weather, water issues from the clay on the edge of Oak Wood and cascades down towards Sanctuary Pond, which occasionally is seen with water in it.
- **46). Ostracod Pond** is in Black Shed Field, just south of new pond.

If grant funding could be found to manage the current ponds and recreate old or create new, it would be of great benefit to the biodiversity of the park. Ponds are quite a rare habitat these days and immensely valuable.

The creation of a new pond was started within compartment 35, the proposed Sparrow Farm Dog Socialisation Area. The creation of a new pond here could be very useful as a sacrificial pond to alleviate visitor pressure from the other two established ponds. Planning permission should be sought and the project continued.

Dogs and ponds:

Aside from the obvious disturbance to vegetation, bird life and invertebrates, there is also cause for concern due to the chemicals used in flea, tick and worming treatments. A recent study (Potential role of veterinary flea products in widespread pesticide contamination of English rivers, published in the journal Science of the Total Environment) has discovered the damaging effect to aquatic invertebrates from the toxic chemicals used to make these pesticides. They contain neonicotinoids, now banned in agriculture and horticulture, due to their damaging effects to invertebrates, including important pollinators such as bees. It will be important to keep up to date with science to see what further actions land managers should take to limit access to dogs in watercourses.

2.2.4 Veteran, Mature and Parkland Trees

These trees are extremely valuable and each tree should be carefully managed to ensure their longevity. The trees themselves provide habitat for birds, bats, and many other species and importantly, the decaying wood within the trees can be home to rare invertebrates.

A thorough survey of the park should be carried out and locations of all veteran trees or trees with veteran characteristics should be mapped and individual management plans written. Those noticed whilst surveying for the purposes of writing this management plan are noted on map 2.

Notes from the Tree Officer record that there is one in the parkland spine of trees along with 5 in the formal gardens. 10 are recorded in the park by the Ancient Tree Hunt (Woodland Trust). There are Oaks in the Banqueting House Woodland (about 3) near the By Pass, Horse Chestnuts in the grand avenue (about 4) and on the boundary with Cheam Rec area of the pond (about 5). There are a cluster of Oaks (about 5) in the middle of the central spine and one to the south (the best one) on the same hedgerow line. There are occasional veterans Oaks on the boundary with Wickham Avenue (4 or 5) and 2 or 3 Oaks in the wooded belt along London Road. Two of the Limes in the main open parkland area are veterans as well. Notes from the Nonsuch Voles mention that there is a very old coppiced Sycamore near the former site of the Palace.

Those found within the woodlands should have a gradual programme of clearing a space or 'halo' around them of competing species put in place, to ensure a healthy crown. Ultimately, competition should be removed to at least the circumference of the existing crown area per tree. Consideration should be given to the value of smaller surrounding trees as to whether they offer protection to vulnerable species and whether they could become future veterans.

The crown and end-weight of the trees should be assessed as to whether they are in need of reducing to ensure they are well balanced and do not pull themselves apart in high winds or shed limbs in times of drought.

All existing parkland trees should be retained. Many of the trees of the main avenue through the park are becoming physiologically mature/over mature - plans need to address phased removal (allowing for the retention of a good proportion of decaying wood) and succession planting. A planting scheme should be organised to ensure the future of these trees, creating a good age range to provide successional trees.

A target within the Borough Council's Climate Change Action Plan mentions investigating possibilities for tree planting within the Borough to help combat climate change and improve Biodiversity. Whilst it could be possible to plant up areas within Nonsuch Park, it is not advisable as the open landscape is key to the park and its grassland habitat extremely valuable. Parkland is not common in the area and should be protected. However, the planting of individual parkland specimens would be recommended and a plan for their longevity and succession should be established. Small copses could also be planted within some of the larger meadows, which would also have good biodiversity benefits. Due to the historic nature of the park, an archaeological assessment of the planting area would need to be carried out first along with consultation with Historic England due to it being a Grade II listed Park and Garden.

It should be noted, that planting trees will not solve climate change. It can be a small part of the solution but certainly not the whole. Any trees that are planted, must be of UK provenance for biosecurity reasons and ideally of local provenance. Seeds can be collected from the existing trees and brought on until mature enough to plant out.

2.2.5 Grasslands

General principles:

- The overall aim is to create a structured, diverse and spatially varied mosaic of habitats. Whilst a mosaic of different grassland types is important with some being allowed to be encroached by scrub, this should not be the general practice as the meadows are an important habitat in Surrey and support important assemblages of invertebrates and birds. Where scrub has established it is very difficult to restore it back to good quality grassland. The scrub enriches the soil and once it has been cleared again it often leaves bare patches of ground ready to be colonised by coarse grassland species and weed species such as Common Nettle. It should be noted that the complete openness of some of the fields at Nonsuch is a much valued aspect of the landscape.
- For optimal biodiversity benefit, grasslands that are being cut should be done so during late summer/early autumn.
- Not all of the grassland should be cut every year. Invertebrates that lay their eggs on grass, for
 example the Marbled White and Meadow Brown butterflies, need to complete their life cycle.
 Once the grass is cut, their eggs are lost. Small mammals also need longer grass for food and for
 cover and protection from predators. The invertebrates and mammals then provide a food
 source for birds.
- The grasslands should be cut and the arisings cleared. The build-up of thatch adds unwanted
 nutrients to the soil, resulting in the reduction of wildflowers and finer grasses and promotes
 coarser grasses and scrub. The build-up of thatch also damages the structure of the grassland.
 Seeds fail to reach the soil and germinate. Opportunities for the creation of patches of bare
 earth, beneficial for seed germination and burrowing invertebrates, is reduced.
- Removing the arisings can be done in two ways. The grass could be cut for hay if a local farmer/agricultural contractor could be found. However, by September, which is when the meadow are cut currently, a lot of the nutritional value of the grass has gone, so a compromise may have to be reached. Natural England recommend that grassland should not be cut until after 15th July so perhaps a late July/August cut may be possible. It is also important to note that Ragwort would need to be eradicated from the meadows if the hay were intended for horse feed, as it is toxic to horses. Too much scrub would also be undesirable.
 - Ragwort can be removed by hand pulling or using a ragwort fork. This can be carried out by volunteers.
 - Scrub could be removed by hand digging or chemically treated using hand held weedwipers, either in rope or sponge form, which allows for low-key targeted chemical treatment of the scrub to be followed by topping and removal of arisings.
 - Or you allow the scrub to grow taller than the grass (most easily done by grazing the grass). In autumn or early spring (when the scrub is in leaf) and the grass has died down/not grown too tall, the scrub should be at a good height difference. The meadows can then be weedwiped using a tractor mounted weed wiper and the scrub will be killed off. The meadows can then be cut and cleared using a flail collector, and then subsequently cut for hay.
 - Excessive thistles is also not ideal within the sward if cutting for a hay crop. If the thistles are annuals, then cutting earlier in June, before they set seed, will eradicate the thistles after a couple of years.
- Alternatively, the cut grass is collected with a flail collector and the arisings taken away or piles
 created at the margins of the meadows, importantly not underneath the base of veteran trees.
 This can cause a build-up of nitrogen as the grass rots and could cause issues for older trees.
- It is important for the continuity of the flora that the cut is at the same time each year.
- The meadows identified to be cut, should be adjacent to meadows that are not cut, so invertebrates/small mammals have somewhere to retreat to.

- Alternating meadows, or areas of meadows or buffer zones could be left un-cut each year.
 Importantly, they would be cut on rotation to prevent scrub from encroaching. If buffer zones are the method chosen, they should be at least 3-5 m along the field edges and ideally, these edges should be wavy to increase the edge length. These sheltered sunny edges of the scrub interface with the longer grassland buffer zone vegetation, is of most value for invertebrates.
- Invertebrates must be able to recolonise managed areas when they reach a suitable condition, therefore each management plot should lie next to the plots managed before and after it in the rotation.
- The pattern of cut should avoid a spiral into the centre of the field as this drives mammals and birds into the middle. Instead cut in an up and down pattern to ensure their escape.
- Avoid mowing under the tree canopy of any parkland trees, as it can be counterproductive. It
 removes valuable cover, increases surface vegetation transpiration rates, thus depriving trees of
 moisture and often results in bark damage to trees. It is also important to avoid damaging the
 base of tree trunks as this may encourage fungal infections. Aim to leave 2-5m wide
 circumference around individual trees and 2-5m wide margin around copses and woodland
 edges. Scrub will need to be controlled within these margins however.
- Grazing is often the best management option for grasslands and consideration should be made
 as to the possibilities of this, even if only in a small area to begin with. However, due to the site
 being heavily used by dog walkers and its urban fringe location, it may not be appropriate but it
 should be considered.
- Footfall and trampling will restrict the diversity within the meadows.
- Invasive non-native plants should be removed. Bordering Nonsuch Park is Warren Farm, which unfortunately has a problem with Canadian Goldenrod. This plant's seeds can cross over in to the park and should be eradicated before it becomes a problem here as well. Hand pulling is the best way to get rid of it, particularly as it is currently in low numbers. Cutting does weaken the plant but it tends to come back stronger the next year.

Grassland Surveys

For the purposes of writing the previous management plan (2015-20), Pete Howarth (EEBC Countryside Team Ecologist) carried out a condition assessment of the meadows. Unfortunately, they were not found to be in favourable condition. This was mainly due to the infrequent occurrence of positive indicator species and the frequent occurrence of negative indicator species. However, they do have a good variety of species occurring (even if not quite at the right frequency) and with the correct management should improve in their floral diversity. The main change that is required is that after the meadows are cut, very importantly, the cuttings should be collected and removed.

Since 1991, the grasslands in Nonsuch have been left uncut throughout the summer months and cut just once a year in late summer/early autumn. In response to the condition assessment in 2014 and recommendations in all previous management plans to leave some areas of grassland uncut, in 2019, only half the meadows were cut in an attempt to move the meadows in to a rotational cutting cycle. It was felt that this was the simplest way of introducing the rotational method of cutting. Cut meadows were adjacent to uncut meadows, ensuring the invertebrates and mammals had somewhere to retreat. Ideally, the meadows would have been cut and cleared but unfortunately this did not happen.

During the summer of 2020 as part of writing this new management plan, four of the meadows were surveyed to provide a baseline to see what effects this change in management regime would bring.

Results

Between five and eight quadrats were placed across four different meadows, two of which were cut in 2019 and two that were not. One quadrat was also surveyed in nearby Warren Farm, known to be good chalk grassland, to enable us to get an idea of comparison. NB 15 species per quadrat would be considered species-rich and favourable condition.

Meadow name	Average of species per 1m quadrat	Management in 2019
Great Meadow	11	Left
Nonsuch Field	8	Cut
Field next the lane	6	Left
The Daisy Field	7	Cut
Warren Farm	13	Late season annual cut and clear.

These results are a baseline and further surveying will be required to see what effects the change in management brings. It is likely that in terms of species diversity, this will only increase if the arisings are removed. Invertebrate and small mammal surveys will indicate if the meadows are being improved for their benefit.

Management during 2020

All the meadows were cut in 2020. Unfortunately, only Field next to the lane, Daisy Field and part of Great Meadow were cut and cleared. These three meadows would be the priority to survey in 2021. It was noted that two of the meadows that were left uncut in 2019, Bottom Mead South and Six Acre Field, were heavily invaded by scrub encroachment. It is likely that when they were being cut annually, the amount of scrub within the sward was hidden and was being coppiced each time. Once left, it flourished, due to a strong root system and all the added nutrients from the thatch left from years of cutting and leaving.

Meadows to cut and clear on rotation

23). Field Next to The Lane

Description – This meadow was not cut in 2019 and therefore when surveyed, had a slightly more scrubby component with hawthorn, blackthorn and oak saplings. The grassland is considered to be mesotrophic grassland with abundant False Oat Grass and occasional Perennial Rye Grass, Rough Stalked Meadow Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass, Sweet Vernal grass, rare Tall Fescue, White Clover, Yorkshire Fog, Smaller Cats-tail, occasional Agrimony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Knapweed, Cocksfoot, Common Bent, Common Couch, Common Mouse-ear, Common Sorrel, Common Vetch, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Thistle, Crested Dogs Tail, Curled Dock, Dandelion, Germander Speedwell, Goats- beard, Hedge Bedstraw, Hoary Ragwort, Lesser Stitchwort, Meadow Barley, Meadow Fescue, Meadow Foxtail, Crow garlic, Meadow Vetchling, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain. Mistletoe was present in some of the parkland trees. North of the main cluster of trees the grassland is very herb rich, roughly 75% herbs to 25% grass. The grassland is notably nutrient enriched adjacent to paths, presumably due to dogs.

Comments on past management – As mentioned this meadow was not cut in 2019 in an attempt to start rotationally cutting the grassland in Nonsuch Park, as suggested in previous management plans. However, for the first time in 2020, this meadow was cut and cleared. Piles of grass were left discreetly at the edges of the meadow and at the edge of a central clump of trees.

Future management – This meadow should be left uncut in 2021 then cut and cleared again in 2022. Going forward, it should be cut and cleared every other year. This meadow will be a priority to monitor botanically to see the effect the change in management is having on species diversity.

If this meadow is to be cut for hay, ideally the scrub component should be removed, by either hand digging or treated with pesticide (as described above) and any ragwort should be pulled.

24). The Daisy Field

Description - Mesotrophic grassland. Frequent False Oat Grass, occasional Perennial Rye Grass, Yorkshire Fog, rare Agrimony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, , Cocksfoot, Common Bent, Common Couch, Common Mouse-ear, Common Sorrel, Common Vetch, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Thistle, Crested Dogs Tail, Dandelion, Germander Speedwell, Glaucous Sedge, Goats-beard, Hedge Bedstraw, Hoary Ragwort, Lesser Stitchwort, Meadow Barley, Meadow Foxtail, Meadow Vetchling, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain, Rough Stalked Meadow Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass, White Clover, Red Bartsia, Smaller Cats-tail, Ox-eye Daisy, Meadow Buttercup, Red Clover

Comments on past management – This meadow was also cut and cleared in Sept 2020 with arisings left discreetly around the margins of the meadows.

Future management – This meadow should be cut and cleared in 2021 and then left un-cut in 2022. Going forward it should be cut and cleared every other year. If this meadow is to be cut for hay, ideally the scrub component should be removed, by either hand digging or treated with pesticide (as described above) and any ragwort should be pulled.

Alongside the margin with North Plantation, leave a wider margin of uncut grass to allow creation of woodland edge either by natural succession or planting.

25). Hill Field

Description - This is an area of mesotrophic rough grassland with a tall sward. The species found here include Black Knapweed, Common Fleabane, Red Bartsia, Agrimony, Meadow Vetchling, Black Knapweed, Red Clover, Creeping Bent, Cocksfoot, False Oat-grass, Common Ragwort, Hoary Ragwort. Within this compartment, there is a small copse containing trees such as Scot's Pine, Oak Holm Oak, Blackthorn and nettles around the margin.

Comments on past management – Until 2019 this meadow was cut once a year in September with arisings left in-situ. In 2019, it was left long. This meadow, although left to grow, did not suffer from too much scrub invasion. In 2020 it was cut and arisings left in-situ.

Future management – Due to lack of scrub issues, this meadow should be left uncut in 2021 and then cut and cleared in 2022. Going forward it should be cut and cleared every other year. Due to the frequency of thistles, an earlier cut might assist in reducing their cover.

Alongside the border with The Ancient Wood, leave a wider margin of uncut grass to allow creation of woodland edge either by natural succession or planting.

26). Six Acre Field

Description – Mesotrophic grassland with a high scrub component, containing False Oat Grass, Meadow Vetchling, Agrimony, Creeping Cinqfoil, Ragwort, Bramble, Hawthorn, Dog Rose and Blackthorn.

Comments on past management – This meadow was cut once a year in September up until 2019, when it was left un-cut. The scrub within the sward flourished. Due to this high scrub component, this meadow was cut in Sept 2020 and then again in Oct 2020. Unfortunately the arisings were left in situ.

Future management – Due to the high scrub component, this meadow will be unsuitable for a hay crop until the scrub component is much reduced. The scrub needs to be dug up or or treated with pesticide (as described above). If this isn't possible in the short-term, it will be a priority to cut annually and cleared using a flail collector with arisings piled discreetly around the margins. It will need monitoring to judge when the scrub is at a level that it could be put in to the rotational

management similar to the rest of the meadows. The adjacent Russett Field has already been lost to scrub and if not managed correctly, this meadow will go the same way.

27). Bottom Mead North

Description - Rough mesotrophic grassland. The grassland is composed of Meadow Vetchling, Meadow Barley, Cocksfoot, Agrimony, Red Clover, Field Bindweed, Smaller Cats-tail, Creeping Bent, Red Bartsia, Common Sorrel, abundant False Oat-grass, Creeping Buttercup, Hoary Ragwort, Tall Fescue, rare isolated plants of Grass Vetchling, rare Tufted Hair-grass occurring in a few scattered patches, Creeping Thistle, Black Knapweed. There was some scrub encroachment including Dog Rose and Hawthorn

Comments on past management – This meadow has been cut once a year in September, with arisings left in situ.

Future management – The scrub component within this meadow is similar to Bottom Mead South and Six Acre Field and will need removing either by digging up or or treated with pesticide (as described above). If this isn't possible in the short-term, it will be a priority to cut annually and cleared using a flail collector with arisings piled discreetly around the margins. It will need monitoring to judge when the scrub is at a level that it could be put in to the rotational management similar to the rest of the meadows.

28). Bottom Mead South

Description - This is rough mesotrophic grassland with a tall sward and a high amount of scrub encroachment. The scrub is composed of English Oak, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Dog Rose. The wild flower species found include rare Meadow Vetchling, rare but widely distributed Black Knapweed, and rare Birds foot Trefoil occurring in scattered patches, rare Agrimony and rare isolated plants of Hoary Ragwort. The sward has a percentage of grasses including Meadow Fescue, Smaller Cats-tail, abundant False Oat- grass and frequent Yorkshire Fog. Common Spotted Orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) have been recorded here in the past (June Chatfield pers. comm.)

Comments on past management - This meadow was cut once a year in September up until 2019, when it was left un-cut. The scrub within the sward flourished. This meadow was cut in Sept 2020 but unfortunately the arisings were left in situ.

Future management – As with Six Acre Field, this meadow will be unsuitable for a hay crop until the scrub component is much reduced. The scrub needs to be dug up or or treated with pesticide (as described above). If this isn't possible in the short-term, it will be a priority to cut annually and cleared using a flail collector with arisings piled discreetly around the margins. It will need monitoring to judge when the scrub is at a level that it could be put in to the rotational management similar to the rest of the meadows.

29). Old Stable Ground

Description - An area of mesotrophic grass with a tall sward and areas of saplings encroaching. This field is less species rich than the previous two. Species found here are False Oat Grass, Cocksfoot, Smaller cats tail, Greater plantain, Red Bartsia, Field Bindweed, Creeping Thistle, Hedgerow Cranesbill, Common Nettle, and Meadow Vetchling. Archaeological dig to west of copse.

Comments on past management – This meadow has been cut in Sept annually with arisings left in-situ.

Future management - This meadow should be cut and cleared in 2021 and then left un-cut in 2022. Going forward it should be cut and cleared every other year. If it is possible to cut this meadow for hay, the ragwort will have to be pulled beforehand.

30). Great Meadow

Description - Mesotrophic grassland. This is another area of rough grassland with a tall sward. There is a small amount of scrub saplings present including Hawthorn and Oak. Also there are scattered large trees and occasional ant hills. The grassland is dominated by tall grasses including False Oat Grass, Cocksfoot and Sweet Vernal Grass. The total species list of herbs is 30 including species such as Common Field Scabious, Wild mignonette, Lady's Bedstraw, Meadow Vetchling, Birds foot trefoil, Black knapweed, Burnet Saxifrage, Creeping Bent, Rd Fescue, Smaller Cat's Tail, Yarrow, Lady's Bedstraw, Red Bartsia, Ribwort Plantain, Agrimony, Lesser Stitchwort, Creeping Thistle, Germander Speedwell and Field Bindweed.

Comments on past management – Up until 2019, this meadow was cut once a year in September and arising left in-situ. In 2019 it was left uncut to begin the process of introducing rotational cutting of the grassland within Nonsuch Park. Encouragingly, the scrub component remained small despite being left uncut. In 2020, a good proportion of this meadow was cut and cleared as planned and some areas just cut and left.

Future management – Due to the fact that this meadow overlays chalk, it is a priority to cut and clear the grassland. Scrub encroachment is not so much of a problem here so can be added in to the rotational cutting programme. It should be left in 2021 and cut and cleared again in 2022. Due to the chalk soil, it is possible that this meadow could improve botanically. If this occurs and the plants become the priority, it may be advisable to cut and clear annually. The species mix should be monitored and management tailored accordingly. If cut for hay, the Ragwort will need to be pulled beforehand.

The potential for reduction in mowing paths should be assessed. In many areas but particularly across Nonsuch Field and Great Meadow, there are a large number of paths, These meadows have the greatest potential as they overlay chalk. It would be advisable to stop the mowing of at least two of these paths, which already run parallel to others. It would not reduce public access and would improve the diversity of the meadows.

31). Nonsuch Field

Description - Mesotrophic grassland. This grassland is generally species poor with a tall sward, dominated by the grasses False Oat Grass and Cocksfoot. Amongst the herbs are Hogweed, stands of Mugwort and Creeping Thistle. However, scattered through the sward were a number of herbs including rare but widely distributed Burnet Saxifrage, rare Meadow Vetchling, Agrimony, Lady's bedstraw, Black Knapweed, White Campion Poppy, Common Field Scabious, St John's Wort, Agrimony, Smaller Cat's Tail, Tufted Vetch, Wild Carrot, Hoary Ragwort and Red Bartsia. This area was dug up during the excavation of Nonsuch Palace in 1959. There were many Ox-eye Daisies in 1993, now depleted (June Chatfield pers. comm.)

Comments on past management - This meadow has been cut annually in September with arisings left in-situ. An area representing the footprint of the palace is mown regularly and kept short.

Future management – As with Great Meadow, due to the fact that this meadow overlays chalk, it is a priority to cut and clear the grassland. Scrub encroachment is not so much of a problem here so can be added in to the rotational cutting programme. It should be cut and cleared in 2021 and then going forward, every other year. Due to the chalk soil, it is possible that this meadow could improve botanically. If this occurs and the plants become the priority, it may be advisable to cut and clear annually. The species mix should be monitored and management tailored accordingly. If cut for hay, the ragwort will need to be pulled beforehand. Stop mowing two paths, which already run parallel to other paths, see notes in Great Meadow.

32). Cherry Orchard Farm Grassland

Description - Rough mesotrophic grassland with a tall sward, this area is composed of False Oat Grass, Nettles, Hogweed, Agrimony, Speedwell, Black Knapweed and patches of the non-native grass Californian Brome. In addition, there are stands of Wild Raspberry and Horseradish. There are scattered trees and areas of dense bramble scrub which is marching out in to the grassland.

Comments on past management – The previous management plan suggested that this are of grassland be divided in to four sections and one section cut each year. It was also suggested to use hand scythes. In September 2016, a group of volunteers from the Nonsuch Voles worked with Nonsuch Park staff to scythe an area of about 500 square metres, bounded by two paths, at Cherry Orchard Meadow (see map 5). Small tree saplings were also cut to ground level. Nonsuch Watch were informed that this would take place, due to the fact that the southern half of Cherry Orchard is the site of the Elizabethan garden (known as The Wilderness). Local historians agree that tree regeneration should be managed to ensure that root damage does not occur to any buried archaeology. The aim should be to manage the scrub to prevent it from encroaching any further.

In 2017, a similar sized area was scythed next to the path to the South East of the site marked. A quarter of the grassland area is too large to cut by hand in one year and although it was beneficial to use scythes to avoid damaging ant hills, it is too labour intensive.

Future management – A thorough survey of the grassland to mark where the anthills are, needs to happen before the grass is cut. It is likely that there are areas that could be cut by tractor and flail. If there are areas that have many anthills, brushcutters should be used to ensure their protection. Access through Cherry Orchard Slip or possibly from the London Loop footpath from the south, needs to be opened up and the paths widened through Cherry Orchard Grassland, to allow for management access, not only to Cherry Orchard but also Pottery Wood, Banqueting House Woodland and Five Acres Piece. The grassland needs to be cut and cleared on rotation. Dividing it in to 6 sections may prove more realistic, depending on how much could be cut by tractor.

33). Five Acres Piece

Description - This is a small area of mesotrophic grassland surrounded by woods on three sides and a road on the other. This grassland has a unique flora and is known for its profusion of Lady's-smock, *Cardamine pratensis*. It is a species rich area, less dominated by rank grasses with a much lower sward. These included the grasses Sweet Vernal Grass, Meadow Barley, Meadow Foxtail, Black Knapweed, Meadow Vetchling, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Lesser Stitchwort, Common Sorrel, Lady's Smock and Bulbous Buttercup. There was little ground layer composed of the common mosses Kindbergia praelonga and Brachythecium rutabulum present.

Within the grassland is the site of the Banqueting House, marked by a low wall.

Comments on past management – Due to the paths becoming overgrown to access this area of grassland, it has not been cut in some time. It used to be cut annually in September, along with all the other meadows. Thankfully, the scrub hasn't taken over too much as yet but it is beginning to encroach.

Future management – Access needs opening up to cut the grass. The path in from Bluegates has become overgrown and the canopy of trees need lifting. Access could also be improved from the Banqueting House Woodland and Cherry Orchard Farm. The grassland should be divided in to two sections, with each section cut and cleared in alternate years.

Scrub and brambles are encroaching from all sides, which needs pushing back. It is also starting to restrict access to maintain the fence at the top of the bank adjacent to the A24.

Weed tree growth needs to be controlled on the banqueting house ancient monument wall. The vegetation is starting to break the wall apart.

Cutting for Hay

The meadows currently most suitable for a hay crop are 29 Old Stable Ground, 30 Great Meadow and 31 Nonsuch Field as the only preparation required is ragwort removal, which is relatively simple to do. Within the lifetime of this management plan, these meadows should be the focus to get in to active hay management alongside dealing with the scrub and ragwort in the other meadows to prepare them for future years.

Amenity Grassland

34). Sparrow Farm Gate Field

Description – Close mown amenity grassland, with a section between Russet Field and Dog Socialisation field left longer as the tractor cannot get underneath the lower branches of the trees here. According to June Chatfield in previous management plans, this area was never cultivated.

Comments on past management – Majority is regularly mown grassland but left long under the trees.

Future management – June Chatfield has suggested that due to the fact this meadow was never cultivated, the area that is not regularly mown could benefit from being scarified and tilled over to see what is in the seedbank. This would require monitoring before and after. The area that is left long currently will need to be cut and cleared on rotation to prevent it from scrubbing up. There is a path leading through this area, through hedge K to Six Acre Field, which should be discouraged. The path goes past a veteran oak tree in the hedge, which is suffering from root compaction. There are opportunities to plant some individual native parkland trees in this meadow.

35). Sparrow Farm Dog Socialisation Area

Description – This is an area which used to be a dog free/picnic area, which was mown regularly. Currently it has been left and is quite interesting with species such as Meadow Barley within the sward.

Comments on past management – This meadow used to be a dog free/picnic area. However, the meadow has been left uncut with a view to changing its use. It was thought that this area could be used to help owners train their dogs and get them used to other dogs and people. To alleviate pressure of dog disturbance from the current ponds (particularly Round Pond), an addition of a sacrificial pond here could be advantageous. A small shallow in a known wet area of the field was dug to investigate the potential of creating a pond here.

Future management – Regularly cut the 2/3 of the meadow for dog training/socialisation/agility activities. Dig out pond and leave a margin around uncut to allow grasses and scrub to develop. Hopefully part of the pond might remain less disturbed by dogs and might have a value to wildlife. Cut and clear on rotation 1/3 of the meadow, adjacent to Sparrow Farm Copse and Hedge K.

36). Red Gate Field (Dog free/picnic area)

Description - Close mown amenity grassland. Species found in this area include Perennial Ryegrass, Yorkshire Fog, Cocksfoot, Yarrow, Ribwort Plantain, and Bird's Foot Trefoil. Along the edge of the area is longer vegetation which also contains Common Nettle, Cow Parsley and Ground Ivy.

Comments on past management – Regularly mown

Future management – Continue to maintain this as a regularly mown picnic/no dog area. There are opportunities to plant some individual native parkland trees in this meadow.

37). Red Gate Car Park Grassland

Description – This area was regularly mown like much of the other amenity grassland. However, due to bunds placed where the grassland meets the car park to restrict unauthorised access, it has

become longer and rougher. It consists of Perennial Rye Grass, Annual Meadow Grass, Greater and Ribwort Plantain but could potentially become more interesting if cut less often. Scrub will also start to encroach.

Comments on past management – Once cut regularly now less often.

Future management - Cut one half every other year and ideally remove arisings.

38). Round Pond Field

Description – Although this meadow is close mown amenity grassland, there remains within the sward, areas of finer grasses, including Common Bent, Red Fescue with Lesser Stitchwort, Sheep's Sorrel, Common Sorrel, Smaller Cat's Tail, Sweet vernal grass, Yorkshire Fog and Autumnal Hawkbit. The field also has a good selection of parkland trees.

Comments on past management – It is regularly mown amenity grassland but has in the past been cut for hay.

Future management – This meadow should be maintained as regularly mown grassland, but perhaps a margin of longer grass adjacent to Red Barn Field and Hedges N and I could be created. A wavy edge would increase the area available and also improve the aesthetics. This margin should then be cut and cleared on rotation to ensure the hedge/scrub does not encroach out in to the grassland.

There are opportunities to plant some individual native parkland trees in this meadow. Current parkland trees should be managed (See section on Veteran and Parkland Trees)

39). Plantation Field

Description - This is an area of close mown grassland with longer mesothrophic grassland around the edge. The species found here include Cocksfoot, Perennial Rye-grass, False Oat-grass, Yorkshire Fog, Creeping Bent, Smaller Cats-tail, Meadow Vetchling, Broad Leaved Dock, White Clover, Ribwort Plantain, Daisy, Meadow Buttercup, Field Bindweed, Black Knapweed, and Trailing Tormentil. On the eastern edge of Plantation Field (adjacent to The Wood,) there are avenues of Birch, Poplar, and Ash trees.

Comments on past management – This area is mown regularly although the area nearer the wood and around the avenue of trees less so.

Future management – Continue with current management and cut grass regularly. Allow woodland edge to develop from The Wood. (See management for The Wood.)

40). Pit Field (Dog free/picnic area)

Description – Close mown amenity grassland

Comments on past management – Regularly mown

Future management – Maintain as regularly mown picnic/dog free area. There are opportunities to plant some individual native parkland trees in this meadow.

41). Reads Field

Description – Close mown amenity grassland with some parkland trees/copses, including Cherry, Ash, Rowan, Oak, Horse Chestnut, Beech, Norway Maple, Hazel, Sycamore. The copse's ground layer is dominated by Ivy. There is a line of Scot's Pines lining the road up to the mansion house along the south western edge.

Comments on past management – Regularly mown

Future management – Continue to regularly mow. There are opportunities to plant some individual native parkland trees in this meadow.

2.2.6 Scrub

General principles:

- Scrub is an extremely important habitat, one that many animals depend on for their survival.
- It is a habitat in its own right but also can be a component of other habitats such as grassland and woodland.
- It is also successional and is the stage between grassland and woodland. It is valuable to a variety of wildlife in all its successional stages. For example, the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly lays its eggs on relatively young blackthorn. As scrub develops, it provides a nectar and food source for mammals, and birds. Once it is more mature and dense, it is attractive to birds to nest in.
- Open grasslands with sparse, scattered scrub are thinly populated in comparison to areas of thick scrub. However, isolated bushes in open sites can act as useful song-posts for species such as Whitethroat and Meadow Pipits. Due to the fast spread of Bramble, this species may need controlling.
- It is important to retain a scrub mosaic with different species and age classes to be of most benefit.
- It is often in the scrub ecotone between grassland and woodland where most diversity lies.
- Scrub can also be useful to deter human access to sensitive areas.
- Enhancement of the existing scrub mosaics can be achieved by managing existing stands on rotation to ensure age structure. It is vital that scrub is managed and not allowed to take over.
- Areas of grassland can be cut less regularly, allowed to scrub up and subsequently managed on rotation.
- Grassland areas can be planted up with scrub species (such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Guelder Rose, Hazel, Field Maple, Dog Rose, Privet etc.) particularly along severe woodland/grassland edges to create a gradual transition from grassland to woodland.
- Or the woodland can be pushed back by felling a 10m strip for example, then managing the regrowth. Interplanting with more suitable species if necessary.
- Cut scrub can either be disposed of at the site it is cut from by creating brash habitat piles or either burnt or chipped. NB, due to the urban nature of the park, any fires used to manage vegetation should be taped off clearly to warn members of the public.

42). Russet Field

Description - Russet Field was under cereals until about 1960 (mostly Wheat and Oats) (June Chatfield pers. comm.). This was the location for the plant Pepper-Saxifrage and was described in 2005 as comprising semi- improved tall vegetation with abundant False-oat grass and frequent Meadow Barley with young patches of scrub in north eastern and south western corners of Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dog Rose and Bramble. These patches of scrub have expanded and have taken over the area. There are now only small patches of open vegetation and lots of the species occurring in the 2005 have been lost or are of a much smaller abundance including Peppersaxifrage which could not be found.

Comments on past management – This meadow has not been managed aside from mowing the paths. The scrub has now spread up to these paths and a hedge cutter side arm is used to cut the high vegetation to keep the paths open.

Future management – Whilst most of the field has scrubbed up, there are opportunities to open it up. The border with Six Acre Field still has areas of grassland along it. The scrub should be prevented from encroaching any further in to the is area and pushed back to increase the grassland area. The grassland should be cut and cleared on rotation.

Along the mown paths, the scrub should be scalloped, creating grassy areas, which should be subsequently cut and cleared on rotation. Areas with younger scrub should be prioritised as it will be easier to bring this back to grassland. Looking at the aerial photos can assist with choosing which areas to focus on.

More mature stands of the scrub should be coppiced on rotation to ensure a good age structure. Along the southern edge where it meets Bottom Mead North, there is a large bank of blackthorn, ideal for scalloping.

Ensure paths are kept mown and scrub edges cut using a side arm until they are able to be managed by scalloping.

43). Cherry Orchard Farm Scrub

Description - In this area there is a good mosaic of rank and tall grassland, with dense scrub and trees. It has been pointed out that this area is important from an archaeological point of view as well as for wildlife. The southern part of the area is the site of the Wilderness – a key part of the Elizabethan garden. On the edge of this area is a very large hazel coppice stool. This has a diameter of over two meters. It is difficult to age coppice stools but its size indicates it is of significant age.

Comments on past management – Very little management to the scrub and brambles has happened within Cherry Orchard. The Nonsuch Voles did cut down some small saplings when managing the grassland but other than that, nothing has happened.

Future management - Any further encroachment by scrub and trees could threaten possible archaeological remains as a result of root damage. The aim in the first management plan written in 2006 was to manage the scrub to prevent it from encroaching any further. Over the intervening years, it has encroached in to the grassland and needs to be pushed back to levels in 2006. It is possible to see the scrub has encroached between 10 to 30 metres by looking back at aerial photographs. It is a priority to open up access for tractors/cut and clear machinery. The majority of the scrub here is Bramble and it is suggested that the larger areas are rotationally cut on a 5 year basis, along with other shrub species present, at varying angles to the vertical; this will increase the angle to the sun and overall surface area of the scrub margin edge. It will also have the advantage of creating suntraps, enhancing the microclimate and combat wind tunnel effects, important for invertebrates. The trees that have grown up need to be felled. This should be carefully monitored to ensure that both archaeological and nature conservation needs are met.

2.3 Surveying and monitoring of species groups

Having reviewed in detail June Chatfield's report and suggestions from previous management plans, below are recommendations for surveying the wildlife found within Nonsuch. It should be noted that all surveys should prioritise areas that are to be actively managed.

Although the surveying has been pretty comprehensive over the years and many groups have been studied, all the surveys are quite old now and could be repeated. The only regular surveying that currently takes place is the butterfly transect as part of Butterfly Conservation's monitoring scheme.

2.3.1 Fungi and myxomycetes (slime moulds)

This group was last surveyed in 2013, focussing on smaller fungi. Experts should be encouraged to visit again, 10 years on perhaps this time focussing on larger fungi. If experts could be found a regular fungal foray could be organised.

2.3.2 Lichens

The stone-work, walls and benches of the mansion house garden are particularly important for their lichen flora. The willows by the Round Pond are a good habitat for bark living lichens (June Chatfield pers. comm.) Monitoring of lichens can be useful in monitoring air quality. It has been some time since the last surveys so further surveying would be advisable to investigate how the park will have been recolonised by lichens. Trees should be the major habitat to focus on.

2.3.3 Bryophytes

A fungi, lichen and mosses survey over the autumn months. This is an area that has not been fully investigated and would provide useful information on woodland management. Winter to early spring is best for Bryological field work, with the bryophytes looking their best when damp and extra light is provided by the lack of leaves on the trees. Further surveys would be advisable as bryophytes, along with lichens are good indicators of air and soil condition and could show variations as air quality changes. Pete Howarth, Countryside Officer – Ecologist for EEBC, could carry this survey out.

2.3.4 Vascular plants

Out of all the groups, plants have been recorded most comprehensively, with an impressive species list for the site. The most useful survey to focus on now would be the condition assessment of the grassland, particularly in the meadows where the management regime is to change. The change in vegetation should be seen over the years if cutting and clearing is maintained as a management tool. Each meadow should be surveyed using quadrats evenly spaced across the fields, roughly 6-8 areas depending on the size of the meadow. The quadrats should be randomly placed so as not to encourage bias of recording the nicer areas to get a true reflection of condition. Number of different species per quadrat should be counted. Ideally the species should be noted, but the number of different species is indicative of quality, so it is possible to use volunteers who are not botanical experts to do this as well and cover more ground. Volunteers could be trained to look for key quality indicator plants to as well as negative indicators. These species are shown in table 1 on the following page.

Table 1 Lowland Grassland Positive/N	legative Indicator Species for Condition Monitoring
Positive indicator	Negative indicators
Achillea ptarmica	Anthriscus sylvestris
Agrimonia eupatoria	Cirsium arvense
Ajuga reptans	Cirsium vulgare
Calthus palustris	Pteridium aquilinum
Carex flacca	Rumex crispus
Carex ovalis	Rumex obtusifolius
Centaurea nigra	Senecio aquaticus
Euphrasia officinalis agg	Senecio jacobaea
Filipendula ulmaria	Urtica dioica
Galium palustre	
Galium uliginosum	
Galium verum	
Genista tinctoria	
Lathyrus linifolius	
Lathyrus pratensis	
Leontodon autnmnalis	
Leucsnthemum vulgare	
Lotus tenuis	
Lotus pedunculatus	
Lotus corniculatus	
Lychnis flos-cuculi	
Mentha aquatica	
Ophopglossum vulgatum	
Orchids	
Pimpinella saxifraga	
Polygala spp	
Primula veris	
Rhinanthus minor	
Senecio erucifolius	
Succisa pratensis	
Valeriana dioica	
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The meadows should also be monitored as a whole to complete their condition assessment. The categories are as follows

- **Extent.** This attribute is one that is measured as the condition monitoring continues. The first time an area is monitored sets a base line. Aerial photographs are a good way to assess this and the meadows are not encroached upon by scrub/trees.
- **Sward composition** grass/herb ratio. In general semi-natural swards that are in good condition have a much greater broad-leaved herb component than agricultural grassland. It is thought that

for neutral and calcareous grassland the broadleaved herb component should fall within the range 40-90%. It should be borne in mind that some of the broadleaved plants such as creeping thistle that may be present are not a good indicator of positive condition.

Sward composition (using information from quadrat sampling)

- frequency of positive indicators. There are for the type of grassland examined, a list of species that are regarded as positive indicators. The site is traversed and these species are recorded. It is recommended that 2 to 6 of these species should be frequent, found 41-60% of the time.
- frequency of negative indicators. These should not make up more than 10% of an area individually and combined not more than 20% of the area.
- frequency of shrub/trees. To be favourable, there should be no more than 5% cover of woody species

Sward structure:

- average height of sward, recorded in summer visit period only, should be 5cm or above.
- Litter i.e build up of thatch should be in no more than 25% of the sward.
- extent of bare ground (not rock) distributed through the sward, visible without disturbing the vegetation should be no more than 5%.

Components of chalk species in Great Meadow and Nonsuch Field should be thoroughly assessed. If through cutting and clearing more chalk grassland species occur, then annual cutting and clearing should be carried out. Depending on how these meadows respond will indicate how regularly the meadows are cut and if they should be managed primarily for the chalk grassland flora or for the benefit of invertebrates and mammals.

Within the woodlands, priority should be given to the woodland areas that are to be managed, ideally before and after to see the difference the management regime is having. Key categories to focus on to assess the condition of the woodlands are:

- Extent Area of woodland
- Structure and natural processes
 - Canopy Cover canopy trees should cover 30-75% (unless put into coppice management and then should be 25-50%)
 - Understory composition a good mix of shrub species present.
 - Ground flora composition are there woodland flowers or merely ivy and brambles.
 - Age structure there should be at last three different age classes.
 - Percentage of decaying wood.
 - Open spaces for example glades and rides, should cover at least 10%.
- Regeneration Potential Are there young trees growing up to become the next canopy trees.
- Composition 95% should be native plants.

Within the ponds, the vegetation revival on the margins of Round Pond should be recorded to show how managing light levels and controlling disturbance benefits the plant life. As the margins of New Pond are managed, the vegetation recovery should be monitored. If new ponds are created/restored, again, the vegetation succession should be recorded.

Photo monitoring can be an extremely good way of showing the changes a management regime can have. Before and after photos are recommended as well as fixed point photo monitoring. Take six or seven photographs at each point. The compass bearing on which each photograph should be noted to allow that angle of view to be repeated subsequently. Note in detail the description of where the fixed photographic point is and record the Global Positioning System (GPS) reading. Wooden posts could be used if there is not a suitable landmark.

The importance of smaller seemingly insignificant habitats should not be underestimated. For example, the Ivy on the wall around the gardens should not be allowed to take over, as the wall is home to a number of mosses and lichens some of which are rare. The wall is also important from an historic point of view. However, it is also acknowledged that Ivy can be very beneficial to a variety of wildlife. Therefore, up to 50% of the wall should be kept free of Ivy.

2.3.6 Oligochaetes (Earthworms)

There is a greater understanding now of the importance of the contribution soils have in maintaining Biodiversity. A good population of earthworms is indicative of the quality of the soil. They improve the structure of the soil allowing for better plant growth, they are important in decomposition and release nutrients back into the soil, they have a positive effect on bacteria and fungi, which also release nutrients back into the soil to assist plants to grow. They are also an important food source for other animals. Nonsuch has not been farmed now for many years so hopefully any remnants of pesticides will be very low. A baseline survey of earthworms is recommended. Advice can be gained from the Earthworm Society of Britain to find a local expert.

2.3.7 Molluscs

June Chatfield recommends prioritising aquatic species as the terrestrial species are fairly stable.

2.3.8 Arachnids

70 out of a possible 650 species so more scope for surveying in a range of habitats such as under logs, behind loose bark, in leaf litter and pitfall trapping as well as beating trees and shrubs, sweep netting in grassland. June Chatfield suggests walking the park in early morning autumn weather or on frosty days, which will highlight distinctive webs and provide areas in which to target fieldwork.

2.3.9 Insects

Monitoring the insects within the various management compartments will help to identify whether management is enhancing the overall biodiversity of the Park. Surveying the scrub mosaic, rotationally managed grassland and woodland coppiced/thinned area will be a priority to focus on. An aquatic invertebrate survey is also recommended especially as ponds are opened up and vegetation managed.

Specific surveys of particular groups of insects is also recommended.

- Butterflies The volunteer/s that walk the butterfly transect as part of the Butterfly Monitoring Scheme should be supported.
- Moths A night-time moth trapping session should be repeated, the last survey was in 2006/7.
- Beetles, Flies, Hymenoptera, Hemiptera will require an ecologist to be employed to carry out a survey. Again focusing on areas that are to be actively managed. Surveys are well overdue as the last time was 2004.
- Orthoptera and Odonata are reasonably easy to survey as there are limited potential species. Try
 and encourage local experts or volunteers together with staff to survey these animals. These
 animals were last looked at in 2014 and 1993 respectively, so well overdue a survey.

2.3.10 Plant galls

An expert ecologist will be required to resurvey the park. Records date between before 1993 to 2014. A focused survey has not been carried out, rather they have been spotted whilst surveying for other species.

2.3.11 Herptiles

The reptile surveying has been focused around Cherry Orchard Farm, last carried out in 2012 so well overdue a repeat survey. It is recommended that more of the scrub/grassland mosaic is surveyed using felt mats or onduline or metal corrugated tins.

Due to the presence of Great Crested Newts confirmed in Round Pond, this pond should be surveyed for newts using bottle traps by licensed ecologist. Torching can also be a useful tool to indicate presence of GCNs.

2.3.12 Birds

A full BTO bird survey to enable mapping of the breeding territories and provide further information on how management is affecting the bird populations is recommended. Importantly the standard methodology used would provide scientifically valid comparisons to be made in the future. It is understood that a full BTO breeding bird survey has not been carried out at the park and the total in the species list (Appendix 2) does not reflect the total recording that has gone on over the years.

It would be also useful to record winter visitors and summer migrants as Nonsuch Park will be providing these birds with vital habitat needs

Due to birds being particularly popular with local enthusiasts, it may be possible to encourage volunteers to help with bird surveying.

There are relatively few mature trees in the woodlands, instead there are large areas are of fairly young, single-age and noticeably thin trees. There are, therefore, relatively few breeding opportunities for hole-nesting species, and limited foraging opportunities. Installing nest boxes in the woodlands could help with any nest deficiencies, as has been done in Oak Wood. The Nonsuch Voles also put up four bird boxes in The Wood in 2017. Nest-boxes offer acceptable alternatives to natural holes in trees, brick walls, etc. for many species of bird. In fact, more than 60 species have used them in Great Britain. Which species uses a particular box depends on a number of factors including its design, size, and location. It would be useful to carry out a bird survey prior to putting up nest boxes in order to assess the need.

2.3.13 Mammals

A full bat survey should be carried out at the appropriate time of year to include emergence work in selected parts of the park. It is recommended that prior to any tree work, a bat survey is conducted to grade for potential of bat roosts. Installing bat boxes in the woodlands may also help with any roost deficiencies as with bird boxes.

Small mammal surveys have not been carried out in the park so a system of small mammal trapping using longworth traps or footprint tunnels is recommended to help bring together a more detailed picture of the types of mammals using the site. Focus should be made in the grassland areas rotationally managed to help prove whether this form of management is beneficial. It should also be indicative as to whether the woodland management is beneficial as well by focusing on those areas to be managed. Jon Whitehead has spotted Weasels in the Mansion House Gardens and The Wood.

2.3.15 Invasive species

Woodlands

Turkey Oak, is non-native and cross fertilises with our native Pedunculate (English) Oak giving
rise to Turkey Oak hybrids. This results in a reduced insect fauna as Turkey Oak supports less
insect species than the native oak does. Therefore, it should be preferentially thinned and then

- the stumps treated. The large Turkey Oak by the north edge of the grass to the west of the Banqueting house should be preserved as an interesting historic tree.
- Cherry Laurel Clear and treat stumps of the invasive and non-native Cherry Laurel during summer when the up-take into the roots is at its strongest. NB important not to confuse the spurge laurel found in The Wood as Cherry Laurel.
- Rum Cherry To the north side of Warren Farm within a strip of planted trees and shrubs, two
 trees of Rum Cherry (Prunus serotina) are present. These were possibly planted by mistake and
 have spread. They should be removed (R. Hawkins, pers.comm.)
- Snowberry The Nonsuch Voles have eradicated this plant within the woodland they manage.
 This should continue around the rest of the woodlands within the park.

Ponds

- Found within New Pond, there are several non-native and highly invasive species in the water such as Parrot's Feather and Australian Stonecrop or Crassula helmsii. This species can grow all year in shallow and deep water and from a small fragment of the plant. It was introduced into Britain in the 1920's and is now only sold at garden centres. It is through accidental and deliberate discardment into water courses and ponds that it has been able to spread so rapidly in many of our water habitats. Control is extremely difficult. Currently the best ways to deter its spread is to cover the offending area with black polythene sheeting or chemically treat.
- Azolla has been seen in Round Pond since 2008. It tends to develop in late Summer and reach a peak in Autumn, so the pond should be surveyed again this year to see if it is still a problem.

Grasslands

• Canadian goldenrod. It is a problem on neighbouring Warren Farm. If seen with Nonsuch, it should be pulled by hand immediately. Nonsuch Voles have been keeping on top of this and should be supported to continue.

All invasive species should be carefully monitored to ensure they do not spread any further and to assess whether their management is being successful.

2.4 Landscape

It is suggested that Nonsuch Park should be designated as a Local Nature Reserve. As June Chatfield notes in her review, it would help promote the wildlife image to a wider audience and highlight it as an open space that is just as important for wildlife as it is for recreation. Local Nature Reserve status could also assist in accessing grant funding.

Any benefits resulting from the park's inclusion in Surrey's North Downs Biodiversity Opportunity Area should be maximised. If developments happen locally and mitigation is needed, opportunities to enhance Nonsuch Park should be considered using the management plan as a guide on how best to use the funding. Any adverse impacts a development may have (e.g. increased visitor pressure, lighting issues) should be considered when deciding in planning applications to begin with. Opportunities to create a better link to the wider countryside to the south of the park via back gardens to Howell Hill, Priest Hill and on to Epsom Downs, will benefit the wildlife within.

The true location of the Grove of Diana should be investigated to help focus any management that may be required.

2.5 Promoting the Site's Value and Visitor Management

Visitor Provision - Install more benches, in line with the policy approved by the JMC for only 'rustic' style benches in the Parkland and no plaques. Formal Benches with Plaques are permitted in the Formal Gardens. A number of rustic style benches have recently been provided through the memorial bench scheme and this has already improved the visitor provision in the Park.

- There are many paths available to visitors and in places some could have their mowing regime stopped to discourage their use. It may be that footfall keeps them open but trying to increase the areas of meadow that are not trampled would be advantageous, particularly in Nonsuch Field and Great Meadow.
- Ensure the London Loop and Round the Borough Hike and Bike routes are well maintained.
- The Forest School is a great asset to the residents and their use of the park to educate the children is highly valuable. It is important that good communication exists with site managers and the school, to ensure their activities are not detrimental to any sensitive habitats. EEBC staff may also be able to lead sessions for the children e.g. habitat studies.
- There are also opportunities to promote the site as an educational resource to the many schools nearby.
- There are concrete pillars leading visitors to the Banqueting Site in Five Acres Piece. However, there is no interpretation of this and should be improved.

Dog Issues - The dog free zones do offer important recreational areas used by many of the visitors with young children. Perhaps to further encourage good dog management more waste bins could be installed.

Site Reporting - Try to ensure that locals who use the site are known to the Team and feel comfortable in coming forward with information, such as reporting anti-social behaviour.

- Better communication with residents that back on to the park should be encouraged. There is a dumping and encroachment issue, particularly in the Banqueting House Woodland and the residents there should be written to, warning of the danger of garden escapes to the natural habitats and species in the park.

Interpretation - Ensure that good interpretation of the site is available to inform the public of the biodiversity value of the site. This could include explaining what sort of wildlife is present in their park, why conservation management techniques are being used and why it is of positive benefit to the park. Sensitive information on species should not be advertised.

- Continue the use of information panels relating to the work carried out by the Nonsuch Voles. The Nonsuch Voles also provide education information to the public via Facebook and by giving talks at local events.
- Guided walks would be a very good way of engaging with the public as well and could be on a range of topics for example history, wildlife and site management.
- Explore the use of social media to interpret the site's value for wildlife and recreation

Visitor Surveys - Visitor surveys can be used to ascertain the views of the public about the management, either on a volunteer basis, using the Nonsuch Team or specialist contractors. This would depend on budget, time and required outcome of the assessment.

2.6 Identification/Confirmation of Important Features

Site Features	National	Regional	Local Importance
	Importance	Importance	
1. <u>Habitats</u> Hedgerows	*		
Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	*		
Ponds	*		
Veteran/mature trees		*	
Grasslands			*
Scrub			*
2. Species groups			
Plants – Meadow barley and chalk grassland plants			*
Bird assemblage 20 Red and 16 Amber Listed 20 NERC priority species	*		
Mammal assemblage Bats – All protected under UK law with 3 NERC priority species. Hedgehog – NERC priority species	*		
Invertebrates: Butterflies - 3 NERC priority species. Moths – 5 NERC priority species	*		
Herptiles: Amphibians – GCN European protected species and also NERC priority species as is Toad. Reptiles – Common Lizard, Slow Worm and Grass snake, all protected under UK law and are NERC priority species.	*		
Insects: Stag Beetle – NERC priority species	*		

Site Features	National Importance	Regional Importance	Local Importance
3. Culture and amenity			
Public recreation			*
Educational opportunities			*
Historical, landscape and cultural features	*		

2.7 Ideal Long-term Management Objectives for Nature Conservation

- Enhance the biodiversity of the site as a whole, including better links between habitats.
- Managing the grasslands by cutting and clearing the arisings is the most important management needed across the whole site, with particular focus needed in the areas overlying chalk. Ensuring scrub does not encroach in to them is also vital.
- Manage the woodland and hedges for both nature conservation and access (where not harmful to wildlife), enhancing biodiversity where possible by creating a diverse age and structure.
- Retain where possible a variety of decaying wood in the woodlands and encourage wood decay to enhance overall biodiversity.
- The veteran trees should be managed by aboricultural specialists to ensure longevity.
- Manage the scrub for nature conservation by creating age structure and controlling dominance over other habitats.
- Control undesirable species of plants to maintain and enhance biodiversity of site.
- Manage the ponds to improve biodiversity and for the New Pond, visual amenity. The vegetation surrounding the ponds should be cut back to allow more light to reach the water leading to a greater diversity of marginal and submerged plants and in-turn, the animals will return.
- Continue valuable collection of records for the site by commissioning a variety of ecological surveys. Share information with local record centre.
- Encourage grounds maintenance contractors to undertake good management practice to assist nature conservation. Increase awareness of the wildlife value of the Park.
- Encourage and support conservation volunteers and local wildlife groups.
- Promote the work carried out by volunteers, particularly the Nonsuch Voles.
- Protect the archaeological sites and historic landscape within the park especially the scheduled ancient monument.
- Interpret the site's wildlife and historical importance to the public.
- Promote the site as an educational resource.
- Continue to work with all stakeholders.
- Designate Nonsuch Park as a Local Nature Reserve.

2.8 Identification of Operational Objectives and Outline Prescriptions

Habitat/Species	Presciptions
Hedgerows	Create age structure by scalloping
ricugerows	Plant up gaps (local/UK provenance)
	Retain canopy trees
	Annual trim of selected hedges
	Remove/treat non-natives
Woodland	Halo release of retained standards/veterans
VVOculatio	
	 Ride side management along paths within the woodland Woodland edge/scrub creation through felling/coppicing
	 Woodland edge/scrub creation through felling/coppicing Woodland edge/scrub creation through planting
	Manage existing woodland edge Continue consider retation
	Continue coppice rotation Supplementary planting of Hazal/Oak (local/UK provenance)
	Supplementary planting of Hazel/Oak (local/UK provenance) Remove (treat) non-natives
	Remove (treat) non-natives.Ensure presence of decaying wood within the woodlands
	 Thin out woodlands to a maximum of 30% to create age structure
	 Minimum intervention – Tree safety work, removal of non-natives, monitor
	regeneration potential
	Walnut Grove management
	 Investigate grant funding to assist with management
Ponds	Remove 40% of reedmace from centre of New Pond and deepen pond to
Tollus	beyond the level that reedmace can grow.
	 Monitor drainage channels leading in to and out of New Pond
	 Thin out trees along the southern edge of the ponds.
	 Manage vegetation regrowth along southern side of the ponds.
	 Use positive signage to educate dog walkers about the need to keep dogs
	out of the pond during bird nesting season (March – August)
	 Investigate grant funding opportunities (CIL bid) for the management of
	current ponds and recreating/creation of new ponds.
Veteran Trees	Survey and map all existing veteran and near veteran trees and create
	individual management plans for them.
	Assess opportunities to plant more individual parkland native trees from
	local/uk provenance.
	Collect seed from current trees and bring on until mature enough to plant
	out in the park.
	Create planting scheme for new parkland trees and future successional
	planting.
Grassland	Cut and clear identified non-amenity grasslands, ideally to produce a hay
	crop.
	Cut and clear one sixth of Cherry Orchard Grassland every year
	Cut and clear one half of Five Acres Piece
	Cut back scrub encroaching on the perimeter of the grassland and on the
	Banqueting House Wall.
	Stop mowing some paths
	Regularly mow amenity grasslands leaving margins around copses where
	possible. Cut and clear these margins on rotation.
	Investigate the possibility of scarifying and tilling Sparrow Farm Gate Field

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Scrub	Push back scrub between 10 and 30 m								
	Scallop scrub edges								
	Coppice mature stands on rotation to create age structure								
Biological	Geology mapping update								
monitoring	Employ a specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park for								
	Fungi, Lichens, Bryophytes, Oligochates, Moths (Paul Wheeler), Arachnids,								
	Beetles, Flies, Hymenoptera, Homoptera, Plant Galls, Aquatic Invertebrates,								
	Aquatic plants, Great Crested Newts (Pete Howarth), Mammals and Birds.								
	Encourage and support volunteer involvement in surveying Butterflies (as								
	part of Butterfly Conservation's UKBMS), Reptiles and Birds.								
	Condition assessment of grasslands and assess success of management								
	change								
	Survey managed areas of woodland								
Invasive	Map invasive species.								
Species	Remove and treat Cherry Laurel.								
	Preferentially thin Turkey Oak.								
	Dig up Snowberry								
	Pull Canadian Goldenrod								
	Control Parrot's Feather and Reed Mace								
	Control Azolla								
Landscape	Investigate true location of Grove of Diana								
	Designate as Local Nature Reserve								
	Maximise opportunities associated with being part of Surrey's North Down								
	Biodiversity Opportunity Area.								
Promoting the	Carry out a Visitor survey								
Site's Value	Begin a programme of guided walks								
	Increase number of Notice boards/site notices/benches								
	Encourage and support volunteers to report issues/interesting findings								
	Liaise with Forest School and local schools								
	Communicate with residents backing on to the park								

Key management to start/volunteerable/quick wins:

- Cutting and clearing grassland
- Ragwort removal from grasslands to be cut for hay
- Stop mowing some paths
- Scrub management by volunteers in Cherry Orchard, Russet Field and potential hay meadows
- Ride management in The Wood
- Collect seed and bring on trees for planting in hedgerows, woodlands and parkland
- Open up/maintain open vegetation around the southern side of the ponds
- Communicate with neighbouring residents and Forest School managers
- Monthly meetings with volunteers and Future Woodlands to review and plan activities outlined in the management plan

STAGE THREE - PRESCRIPTIONS

It is recommended that for each year, an individual Annual Work Plan should be drafted including an outline of costs and personnel to be used.

Recommendations not covered by this report, but which must also be considered for each Annual Work Plan includes a health and safety review. All management tasks need to be the subject of a health and safety risk assessment.

Financial, labour and equipment contraints

Proposals have not been budgeted in terms of labour and financial inputs, largely because these are unknown. However, formulation of the proposals has taken into account what are likely to be limited resources and most tasks should readily be achievable by conservation volunteer teams. It is hoped that prescriptions requiring greater inputs of resources can be undertaken as part of the programme of contractual work that already exists and outside contractors, without the need for unduly increasing costs. Priorities have been attributed to the suggested management tasks.

A rough idea of cost would be:

Contractors	£175/person/day
Volunteers	£7/person/day
Ecological Consultants	£275/person/day
Arboricultural Contractors	£275/person/day

Notes:

- -The outline costs are estimation for guide/planning purposes and may vary significantly from the actual costs.
- -Volunteers: In addition, use of volunteer machinery (e.g. chainsaw/brush cutters) is £50/day and the hire of heavier equipment (e.g. mini excavator/dumper) is approx. £100/day.
- -Where the term volunteer/contractors is used, the deciding factor will be availability of volunteers, who would normally be the first choice. It should be noted that a significant amount of the crucial volunteer input to site management would be at no direct cost to the Council.

Sustainable Management

The work detailed in this document tries to find a balance between meeting the needs of our current generation while conserving natural resources and protecting the environment for the benefit of future generations. These new opportunities for sustainable management include improving the pond environment by greatly improving the quality of the emergent and marginal plant species, protecting the wildlife through a variety of methods such as further enhancing the meadows as well as the woodland, scrub and hedgerows. Increasing the public knowledge about the ecology of the Park will also help them to understand why it is necessary to carry out essential management work in the Park.

Volunteering Opportunities

The management recommendations table below contains much that is suitable for volunteers to carry out. This gives the opportunity for new members of the public and existing volunteers to carry out a variety of tasks at the Park. This then enables the Park Team to commit to a variety of work they would not be able to complete on their own and gives opportunities to create links with local visitors to the Park who can help with 'policing' if any trouble occurs and assist with wildlife recording. The Nonsuch Voles are already very active carrying out practical conservation work in the Park in both the woodland and the Mansion House gardens. Sutton Conservation Volunteers undertook clearance of the New Pond in the past. The table will note which tasks are appropriate for volunteers and which will need outside contractors.

Prescription tables

The compartments can be seen in Map 2

HEDGEROWS							
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
А	Open up access in to Cherry Orchard Farm Grassland						Staff/Vols
A, B, D, G, K, L, P	Plant up gaps (and widen A) (to stop access past veteran oak in K)	A	B,D	G	K,L	Р	Staff/Vols
C, D, F, H, I, K N, P	Scallop on rotation to create/maintain age structure		C,D,F	H,I	К	N, P	Staff/vols
E, F, J, O	Hedge cutter trim	E, F, J, O	Staff				
К	Remove Non-Native Turkey Oaks and treat		K				

MIXED DECIDU	OUS WOODLAND						
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
1, 2, 10, 11	Halo release of		х			х	Contractor
	retained						
	standards/veterans						
All woodland	Selectively thin Ash	х	х	х	х	х	Staff/
compartments	trees. The Ash trees						Contractor
	need to be monitored						
	for presence of Ash						
	Dieback and removed						
	if necessary on a risk-						
	based approach based						
	on public safety						
	considerations.						
1, 2, 11, 13	Ride side management	х	х	х	х	х	Contractor/
	along paths within the						Staff/
	woodland						Volunteer
2, 13	Woodland edge/scrub	х		х			Contractor
	creation through						
	felling/coppicing						
1, 16	Woodland edge/scrub		х	х	х	х	Staff/
	creation through						Volunteers
	natural						
	regeneration/planting						
1, 2, 13, 16	Woodland edge	Х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/
	management						volunteers

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2, 9, 10, 15	Coppicing (Cant H 26/27; Cant B 27/28; D 29/30)	A	F	C 15	G	Е	Staff/ volunteers
2, 9,	Supplementary planting of Hazel (local/UK provenance)	х	х	X	х	х	Staff/ Volunteers
9	Supplementary planting of Oak (local/UK provenance)		Х		х		Staff/ volunteers
All woodland compartments	Remove (treat) invasive/non-natives. (Apart from very mature specimen trees)						Staff/ volunteers
9, 10,	Investigate grant funding for removal of invasive/non-natives	х					Staff
11	Investigate grant funding for improved management access		х				Staff
11, 15, 16	Thinning, maximum 30% thin to create age structure and improve regeneration of herb, shrub and canopy layer.			х	x	x	Contractor
3, 12	Minimum intervention – Tree safety work, removal of non- natives, monitor regeneration potential	х	х	х	х	х	Contractors/ Staff/ volunteers
4, 7, 8	Cut (and ideally clear) grass around the base of trees	х	х	х	х	х	Grounds maintenance
4	Walnut Grove management						Volunteers/ staff

PONDS							
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
21	Remove 40% of reedmace from centre of New Pond and deepen pond to beyond the level that reedmace can grow.					х	Contractors
21	Monitor drainage channel leading from New Pond to London Road.	х	х	х	х	х	Staff

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21	Thin out trees along the southern edge of the pond.	х		х			Contractors/ Staff/ Volunteers
21	Manage vegetation regrowth along southern side of the pond.					х	Staff/ Volunteers
21, 22	Use positive signage to educate dog walkers about the need to keep dogs out of the pond during bird nesting season (March – August)	х	х	х	х	х	Staff
22	Manage regrowth of vegetation along the southern side of the pond.	х	x	х	х	X	Staff/ Volunteers
21, 22, 35, 44, 45 46.	Investigate grant funding opportunities (CIL bid) for the management of current ponds and recreating/creation of new ponds.	x	х	x	x	X	Staff

Compartment	Management Prescriptions	Year	Workforce				
•		23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
All	Survey and map all	Х					Staff
	existing veteran and						
	near veteran trees						
	and create individual						
	management plans						
	for them.						
23, 24, 25, 26,	Assess opportunities	х					Staff
29, 30, 31, 34,	to plant more						
36, 38, 40, 41	individual parkland						
	native trees from						
	local/uk provenance.						
All	Collect seed from	х	х	х	х	х	Staff/
	current trees and						Volunteers
	bring on until mature						
	enough to plant out						
	in the park.						
23, 24, 25, 26,	Create planting		х				Staff
29, 30, 31, 34,	scheme for new						
36, 38, 40, 41	parkland trees and						
	future successional						
	planting.						

F	Plant trees			Х	Staff/
					Volunteers

GRASSLANDS - Cut and clear							
Compartment	Management	Year	Workforce				
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28]
23, 25, 30	Cut and clear in even years.		х		х		Grounds maintenance or contractor cutting for hay.
24, 29, 31	Cut and clear in odd years	х		х		х	Grounds maintenance or contractor cutting for hay.
26, 27, 28	Cut and clear annually	х	х	х	х	х	Grounds maintenance
23, 24, 26, 27, 28	If cutting for hay, remove scrub by digging up or weed- wiping	х	х	х	х	х	Volunteers/ Staff/ Contractor
23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	If cutting for hay, pull ragwort	х	х	х	х	х	Staff/ Volunteers
32	Cut and clear one sixth of Cherry Orchard Grassland	х	х	х	х	х	Grounds maintenance/ Staff/ Volunteers
33	Cut and clear one half of Five Acres Piece	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Grounds maintenance
33	Cut back scrub encroaching on the perimeter of the grassland and on the Banqueting House Wall.	х	х	х	х	х	Grounds maintenance/ Staff/ Volunteers
30, 31	Stop mowing some paths	х	х	х	х	х	Grounds Maintenance

AMENIT	AMENITY GRASSLAND							
34-41	Cut regularly.	х	Х	х	х	х	Grounds maintenance	
34-41	Leave margins around copses, hedges or woodland edges where possible and subsequently cut on rotation. (In the case of 35 – Dog socialisation field, cut 2/3 regularly and 1/3 cut and clear on rotation)	x	х	x	X	X	Ground maintenance	

34	Investigate possibility of scarifying	х		Grounds
	and tiling the ground.			maintenance

SCRUB	SCRUB						
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	1
42, 43	Push back scrub	Х	х	Х	х	Х	Staff/ GM
	between 10 and 30						Volunteers/
	m						Contractor
42, 43	Scallop scrub edges	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/
							Volunteers
42, 43	Coppice mature	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Staff/ GM
	stands on rotation to						Volunteers
	create age structure						

BIOLOGICAL M	ONITORING						
Compartment	Management	Year		Workforce			
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
All	Geology mapping update		х				Expert
All	Fungi - employ specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park.		х				Ecologist
All	Lichens - employ specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park.			Х			Ecologist
All	Bryophytes - employ specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park.	х					
All	Plants - Condition assessment of grasslands - Survey managed areas of woodland - Marginal vegetation in ponds						Staff/ Volunteers/ Ecologist
All	Oligochaetes (earthworms) carry out baseline survey				х		Ecologist
All	Butterflies – Support volunteer/s to walk the transect as part of Butterfly Conservation's	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/ Volunteers

	Butterfly Monitoring Scheme.						
All	Moths – carry out night-time moth trapping sessions.	х				х	Ecologist
All	Arachnids, Beetles, Flies, Hymenoptera, Homoptera, Plant Galls – employ specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park.						Ecologist
21,22	Aquatic Invertbrates - employ specialist ecologist to continue surveying across the park.	х				х	Staff/ Ecologist
Scrub/grassland mosaics	Reptiles – Survey for presence of Slow worms, grass snakes and common lizards across the park.	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/ Volunteers/ Ecologist
21/22	Amphibians – GCN survey of Round Pond and New Pond	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/ Licensed Ecologist/ Volunteers
All	Birds – BTO breeding bird survey, record winter visitors and summer migrants					х	Staff/ Volunteers/ Ecologist
All	Mammals – Prioritise survey for Bats and also Small mammals in grassland and woodland					х	Staff/ Ecologist/ Volunteers

INVASIVE SPE	INVASIVE SPECIES						
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
All	Map invasive species.	х	х				Staff/
							Volunteers
Woodland	Remove and treat			Х	Х	Х	Contractor/
	Cherry Laurel.						Staff/
							Volunteers
Woodland	Preferentially thin	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Contractor
	Turkey Oak.						
Woodland	Dig up Snowberry	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Staff/
							Volunteers

Grassland	Pull Canadian	х	Х	Х	х	х	Staff/
	Goldenrod						Volunteers
Ponds	Control Parrot's					Х	Contractor
	Feather and Reed						
	Mace						
Ponds	Control Azolla					Х	Contractor

LANDSCAPE	LANDSCAPE						
Compartment	Management	Year					Workforce
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
12	Investigate true location of Grove of Diana					х	Staff
All	Designate as Local Nature Reserve		х				Staff
All	Seize any opportunity to enhance biodiversity due to Nonsuch Park being part of Surrey's North Down Biodiversity Opportunity Area.	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Staff

PROMOTING '	THE SITE'S VALUE						
Compartment	partment Management Year						
	Prescriptions	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	
All	Visitor survey					Х	Staff/
							Contractor
All	Guided walks		х	Х	х	х	Staff/
							Volunteers
All	Improve interpretation of the history of the site and trail from the Site of the Palace to the Banqueting House. Increase number of Notice boards/site notices/(maybe benches)	X	X	X	X	X	Staff
All	Increase the use of social media	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff/ Volunteers
All	Encourage Volunteers and regular users to be eyes and ears	х	х	Х	х	х	Staff
All	Forest School liaison	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Staff
16, 11	Letters to residents re dumping	х					Staff/legal

MAPS

Map 1 – Geology

Map 2 – Habitat and compartments

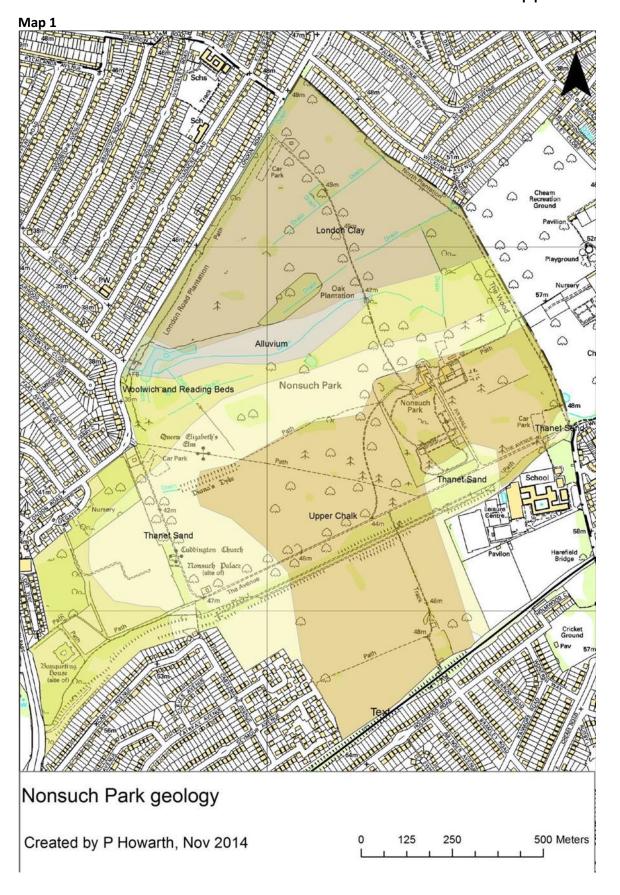
Map 3 – Scheduled Ancient Monuments

Map 4 – Woodland management compartments

Map 5 – Grassland Management

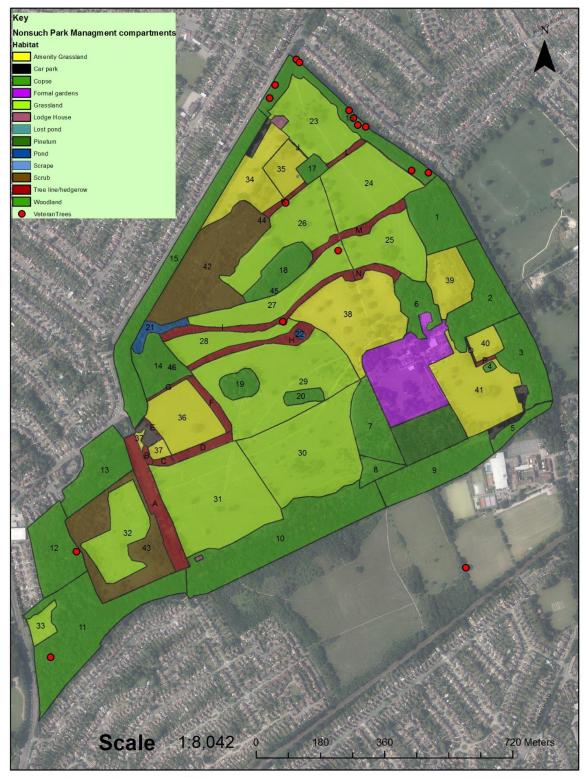
Map 6 – Area worked on in Cherry Orchard Grassland

Map 7 – Nonsuch Access Map



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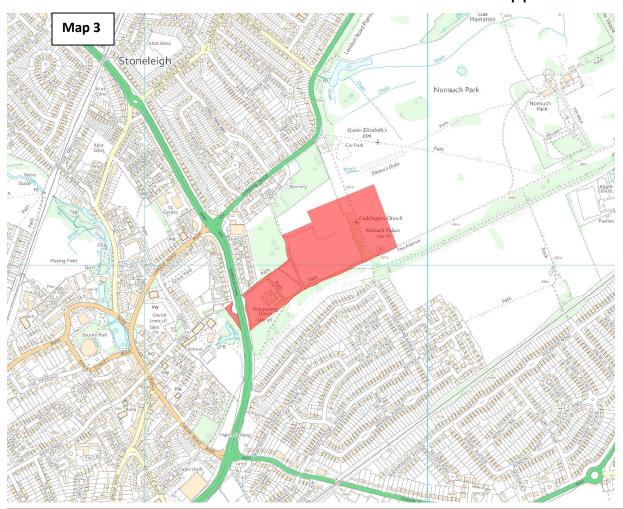
Nonsuch Park Habitat Map with Management Compartment Numbers



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Management Compartment Names

- 1. The Ancient Wood
- 2. The Wood
- 3. Cheam Park Woodland
- 4. Walnut Grove
- 5. Nonsuch Girls Woodland
- 6. Red Barn Field
- 7. Great Meadow Plantation
- 8. Larch Triangle
- 9. Cheam Slip
- 10. Castlemain Slip
- 11. Banqueting House Woodland
- 12. Pottery Wood
- 13. Cherry Orchard Nursery
- 14. Black Shed Field
- 15. London Road Plantation
- 16. North Plantation
- 17. Sparrow Farm Copse
- 18. Oak Wood
- 19. Old Stable Ground Wood
- 20. Old Stable Ground Copse
- 21. New Pond
- 22. Round Pond
- 23. Field Next to the Lane
- 24. The Daisy Field
- 25. Hill Field
- 26. Six Acre Field
- 27. Bottom Mead North
- 28. Bottom Mead South
- 29. Old Stable Ground
- 30. Great Meadow
- 31. Nonsuch Field
- 32. Cherry Orchard Farm Grassland
- 33. Five Acres Piece
- 34. Sparrow Farm Gate Field
- 35. Sparrow Farm Dog Socialisation Area
- 36. Red Gate Field
- 37. Red Gate Car Park Grassland
- 38. Round Pond Field
- 39. Plantation Field
- 40. Pit Field
- 41. Reads Field
- 42. Russett Field
- 43. Cherry Orchard Farm Scrub
- 44. Brown Pond (lost)
- 45. Sanctuary Pond (lost)
- 46. Ostracod Pond (lost)



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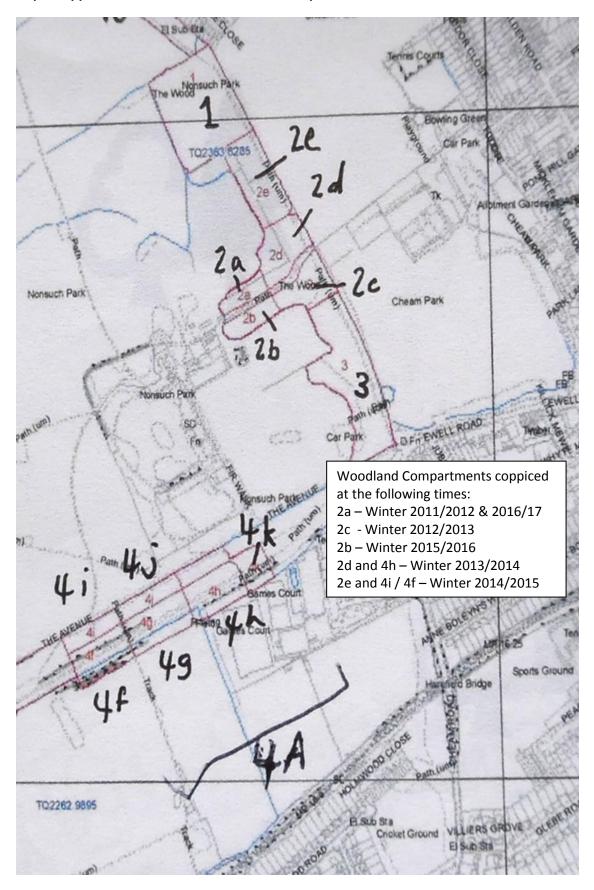
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Map 4 Coppice cants in The Wood and Cheam Slip



Map 5

Nonsuch Park Grassland Management Map



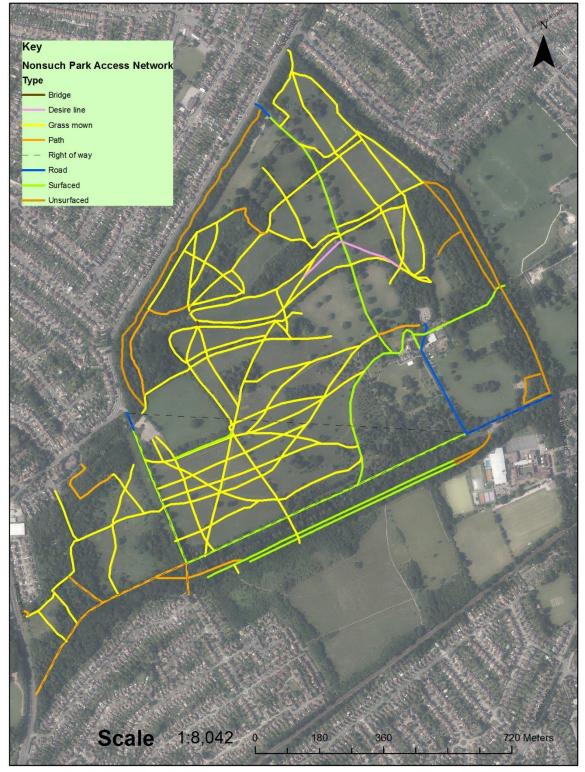
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Map 6
Area cut using hand scythes in Sept 2016 within Cherry Orchard Grassland



Map 7

Nonsuch Park Access Map



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APPENDICES

SNCI Report

Site name: Nonsuch Park & Warren Farm

Current status: SNCI (most of site)

Grid ref: TQ230635

Area: 149ha

Date of previous survey: 19/08/1998 Date of current survey: 10/08/2013

Surveyor: P Howarth

Site description: The site is situated in north-east Epsom and Ewell, thirteen miles south of central London. It is a large open space containing a variety of semi natural habitats including secondary broadleaved woodland, mesothrophic grassland, ditches, ponds, scattered trees, shrubs and hedgerows. The site lies mainly over London Clay but areas of upper chalk partially overlain with Thanet sand are present centrally and in the south. Also a band of alluvium runs centrally west to east across the site.

Previous reason for selection

Site contains a mosaic of habitats supporting rare species.

Reason for selection: The site contains species rich meadows reaching the required score of over 15 of the listed species including 2 of the higher rated one(See species lists below). Slow worms a recent study found had a highest count of +20 which indicates an exceptional population of the species. Small Blue butterfly was recorded during this survey and is on List A in the butterfly criteria.

Habitat description:

Abundance is based on the DAFOR scale and refers to the specific section of the site. The overall abundance across the site is provided in the Species List

DAFOR ratings for certain species, notably annual, can change throughout the year. The DAFOR scale uses the following key:- **D**ominant; **A**bundant; **F**requent; **O**ccasional; **R**are: Nomenclature follows Stace (2010) for vascular plants.

Target note 1:- Mesothrophic grassland, including Hairy Oat Grass, Greater Knapweed, Agrimony, Yellow Rattle, Yorkshire Fog, Common sorrel, Birdsfoot trefoil, Kidney vetch, Ox-eye daisy, Yarrow, Smooth Meadow grass, False Oat Grass Grass Vetchling, Common Broomrape, Pyramidal Orchid, Canadian Goldenrod.. Some developing scrub including Sycamore and Hawthorn saplings. Some areas were more diverse with greater species evenness, being less dominated by the ranker grasses such as False Oat Grass. At the time of the survey Small Blue, Marbled White, Meadow Brown butterflies were seen in flight.

Target note 2:- Some areas of the grasslands are dominated by Canadian Goldenrod.

Target note 3:- An area of tall ruderals, including Common Nettle and Greater Burdock.

Target note 4:- Developing planted woodland, with Ash, Bramble, Cocksfoot, Cow Parsley, English Elm, Field Maple, False Oat Grass, Hawthorn, Holm Oak, Wild Cherry, Wayfaring Tree.

Target note 5:- Secondary woodland. Comprising of frequent Sycamore, Horse Chestnut and Oak, and a shrub layer with frequent Elm and Hawthorn. The ground layer is mostly dominated by Bramble and Ivy. Along with Common Cleavers, Cow Parsley, Dog Rose, False Oat Grass, Garlic Mustard, Hairy Brome, Herb Robert, Nettle, Wood False Brome, Wood Dock, Wood Sedge, Black Horehound.

Target note 6:- Rough mesothrophic grassland this area is composed of frequent False Oat Grass, Nettles and patches of the non-native grass Californian Brome. Also there stands of Wild Raspberry and Horseradish.

Target note 7:- Mesothrophic grassland. This was a species rich area less dominated by rank grasses with a much lower sward. These included Sweet Vernal Grass, Meadow Barley, Meadow Foxtail, Black Knapweed, Meadow Vetchling, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Lesser Stitchwort, Common Sorrel and Bulbous Buttercup.

Target note 8:- Amenity grassland, throughout the site there are areas of close mown grassland consisting of Perennial Rye Grass, Annual Meadow Grass, Greater and Ribwort Plantain.

Target note 9:- Pond. The pond vegetation is dominated by Yellow Flag Iris, with some Water Mint, Brooklime, Marsh Marigold, Hard Rush, Glyceria maxima and Glyceria fluitans. Frog tadpoles were in evidence.

Target note 10:- Scrub. Throughout the site there are a number of areas of scrub including Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Bramble scrub.

Target note 11:- Mesothrophic grassland. Frequent False Oat Grass, occasional Perennial Rye Grass, Yorkshire Fog, rare Agrimony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, , Cocksfoot, Common Bent, Common Couch, Common Mouse-ear, Common Sorrel, Common Vetch, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Thistle, Crested Dogs Tail, Dandelion, Germander Speedwell, Glaucous Sedge, Goats-beard, Hedge Bedstraw, Hoary Ragwort, Lesser Stitchwort, Meadow Barley, Meadow Foxtail, Meadow Vetchling, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain, Rough Stalked Meadow Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass, White Clover, Red Bartsia, Smaller Cats-tail, Ox-eye Daisy, Meadow Buttercup, Red Clover.

Target note 12 Mesothrophic grassland, abundant False Oat Grass, occasional Perennial Rye Grass, Rough Stalked Meadow Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass, Sweet Vernal grass, rare Tall Fescue, White Clover, Yorkshire Fog, Smaller Cats-tail, occasional Agrimony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Knapweed, Cocksfoot, Common Bent, Common Couch, Common Mouse-ear, Common Sorrel, Common Vetch, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Thistle, Crested Dogs Tail, Curled Dock, Dandelion, Germander Speedwell, Goats-beard, Hedge Bedstraw, Hoary Ragwort, Lesser Stitchwort, Meadow Barley, Meadow Fescue, Meadow Foxtail, Meadow Vetchling, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain.

Target note 13:- Ancient Woodland. This woodland was composed of Pedunculate Oak and Ash, with Wood False Brome, Wood Dock and Wood Sedge found.

Target note 14:- Amenity grassland, throughout the site there are areas of close mown grassland consisting of Perennial Rye Grass, Annual Meadow Grass, Greater and Ribwort Plantain.

Target note 15:- Mesothrophic grassland. This grassland is generally species poor, dominated by the grasses False Oat Grass and Cocksfoot. Amongst the herbs are Hogweed, stands of Mugwort and Creeping Thistle and rare but widely distributed Burnet Saxifrage

Target note 16:- Scrub. This is an area of dense dominant Blackthorn.

Target note 17:- Pond, this was completely overshadowed by trees and was devoid of any aquatic vegetation

Target Note 18:- An area of grassland dominated by fine grasses, including Common Bent, with Lesser Stitchwort and Sheep's Sorrel

Target note 19:- Walls. The walls around the garden of the house are home to the liverwort Porella platyphylla and the mosses Didymodon vineales, Didymodon ridigulus, Didymodon inslanus, Pseudoscrossidium revolutum. These are interesting species typical of calcareous stone.

Target note 20:- Hard standing this was concrete left in situ from the demolition of the nursery building, found here was Buddleia, Purple Toadflax, mosses such as Brachythecium albicans, Ceratadon purpureus and Pseudoscrossidium hornschuchianum. Also in this area are patches of rough grassland. These habitats together with other areas of grassland, will provide good habitat for reptiles such as Slow Worm, which have been recorded in good numbers nearby.

NVC types present

MG1a Arrhenatheretum elatioris grassland, Festuca rubra sub-community MG1e Arrhenatheretum elatioris grassland, Centaurea nigra sub-community OV25 Urtica dioca-Cirsium arvense community W8 Fraxinus excelsior-Acer cmapestre-mercurialis perennis woodland W10 Quercus robur-Pteridium aquilinum-Rubus fruticosus woodland W21 Crataegus monogyna-Hedera helix scrub W22 Prunus spinosa-Rubus fruticosus scrub W24 Rubus fruticosus-Holcus lanatus underscrub

Current management:

Goldenrod pulling
Woodland management of ancient woodland area

Management advice:

Continue existing management, dealing with the problem of Goldenrod is important, however, this should be in the context of general grassland management. This should involve the cutting and clearing of meadows on a regular. Woodland management to improve structural diversity is needed across the site, the recent management plan should be implemented and continuation of the recently commenced work funded by the English Woodland Grant Scheme is to be commended.

Pond management is needed as the pond are quite over shaded by trees, some tree works are needed to open the pond up and encourage the development of more aquatic and marginal vegetation.

Species of conservation interest

Scientific name	Common name
Allium vineale	Wild Onion
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch
Centaurea scabiosa	Greater Knapweed
Crepis biennis	Rough Hawk's-beard
Daucus carota	Carrot
Helictotrichon pubescens	Downy Oat-grass
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow Vetchling
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil
Odontites vernus	Red Bartsia
Phleum bertolonii	Smaller Cat's-tail
Phleum pratense	Timothy
Picris hieracioides	Hawkweed Oxtongue
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage
Poa pratensis	Smooth Meadow-grass
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow-rattle
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass

NB Full species list is incorporated into the management plan species list.

Species lists

Bird records

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Accipiter nisus	Sparrowhawk	2000
Aegithalos caudatus	Long-tailed Tit	2000
Alauda arvensis	Skylark	2000
Alcedo atthis	Kingfisher	-1993
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	2000
Anser anser	Greylag Goose	2000
Anthus pratensis	Meadow Pipit	2000
Apus apus	Swift	2000
Ardea cinerea	Grey Heron	2000
Athene noctua	Little Owl	-1993
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	-1993
Carduelis cannabina	Linnet	2000
Carduelis carduelis	Goldfinch	2000
Carduelis chloris	Greenfinch	2000
Carduelis flammea	Redpoll	-1993
Carduelis flavirostris	Twite	1998
Carduelis spinus	Siskin	-1993
Certhia familiaris	Treecreeper	2000
Columba oenas	Stock Dove	2000
Columba palumbus	Woodpigeon	2000
Corvus corone agg.	Carrion Crow	2000
Corvus monedula	Jackdaw	-1993
Cuculus canorus	Cuckoo	-1993
Cygnus olor	Mute Swan	-1993
Delichon urbica	House Martin	-1993
Dendrocopos major	Great Spotted Woodpecker	2000
Dendrocopos minor	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	2000
Emberiza citrinella	Yellowhammer	-1993
Emberiza schoeniclus	Reed Bunting	2000
Erithacus rubecula	Robin	2000
Falco subbuteo	Hobby	?
Falco tinnunculus	Kestrel	2000
Fringilla coelebs	Chaffinch	1999
Fringilla montifringilla	Brambling	1998
Fulica atra	Coot	-1993
Gallinago gallinago	Snipe	1998
Gallinula chloropus	Moorhen	2000
Garrulus glandarius	Jay	2000
Hirundo rustica	Swallow	2000

Larus argentatus	Herring Gull	2000
Larus canus	Common Gull	2000
Larus fuscus	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1999
Larus fuscus graellsii	British Lesser Black-backed Gu	1998
Larus ridibundus	Black-headed Gull	2000
Locustella naevia	Grasshopper Warbler	1998
Motacilla alba	White/Pied Wagtail	-1993
Motacilla cinerea	Grey Wagtail	-1993
Motacilla flava	Yellow Wagtail	-1993
Muscicapa striata	Spotted Flycatcher	1998
Parus ater	Coal Tit	1999
Parus caeruleus	Blue Tit	2000
Parus major	Great Tit	2000
Parus montanus	Willow Tit	-1993
Passer domesticus	House Sparrow	2000
Passer montanus	Tree Sparrow	1998
Phasianus colchicus	Pheasant	-1993
Phylloscopus collybita	Chiffchaff	2000
Phylloscopus trochilus	Willow Warbler	2000
Pica pica	Magpie	2000
Picus viridis	Green Woodpecker	2000
Prunella modularis	Dunnock	2000
Psittacula krameri	Ring-necked Parakeet	2000
Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Bullfinch	2000
Regulus regulus	Goldcrest	2000
Saxicola rubetra	Whinchat	2000
Saxicola torquata	Stonechat	2000
Sitta europaea	Nuthatch	2000
Streptopelia decaocto	Collared Dove	-1993
Streptopelia turtur	Turtle Dove	-1993
Strix aluco	Tawny Owl	2000
Sturnus vulgaris	Starling	2000
Sylvia atricapilla	Blackcap	2000
Sylvia borin	Garden Warbler	-1993
Sylvia communis	Whitethroat	1999
Sylvia curruca	Lesser Whitethroat	-1993
Troglodytes troglodytes	Wren	2000
Turdus iliacus	Redwing	2000
Turdus merula	Blackbird	2000
Turdus philomelos	Song Thrush	2000
Turdus pilaris	Fieldfare	2000
Turdus viscivorus	Mistle Thrush	2000
Tyto alba	Barn Owl	1999
Vanellus vanellus	Lapwing	1998

Vascular Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Date last recorded
Abies procera	Noble Fir	1982
Acer campestre	Field Maple	2020
Acer platanoides	Norway maple	2020
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	2020
Acer pseudoplatanus Purpureum	Purple Sycamore	2005
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Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	2020
Adoxa moschatellina	Moschatel or townhall clock	
Aegopodium podagraria	Ground Elder	2013
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse Chestnut	2020
Agrimonia eupatoria	Agrimony	2020
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent	2013
Agrostis gigantea	Black Bent	1993
Agrostis sp.	a bent-grass	1997
Agrostis stolonifera	Creeping Bent	2020
Ajuga reptans	Bugle	2013
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard	2015
Allium ursinum	Ramsons	2013
Allium vineale	Wild Onion	2020
Allium triquetrum	Three-cornered Garlic	2014
Alnus glutinosa	Alder	2005
Alopecurus geniculatus	Marsh foxtail	2007
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail	2014
Amelanchier lamarckii	Juneberry	1982
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal orchid (WF)	2013
Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet pimpernel	2015
Anemone nemorosa	Wood Anemone	2013
Angelica sylvestris	Wild Angelica	1993
Anisantha sterilis	Barren Brome	2013
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass	2020
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley	2015
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch	2013
Apium nodiflorum	Fool's Water-cress	2005
Arabidopsis thaliana	Thale Cress	1993
Araucaria araucana	Monkey-puzzle	2005
Arctium lappa	Greater Burdock	2013
Arctium minus	Lesser Burdock	2015
Arctium minus ssp. minus	a lesser burdock	2015
Arctium minus ssp. pubens	a lesser burdock	1993
Arenaria serpyllifolia ssp. leptoclados	Small Thyme-leaved Sandwort	1993
Armoracia rusticana	Horse-radish	2013

Artemisia vulgaris	Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat-grass	2020
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Carex paniculata	Greater tussock sedge	2005
Carex pendula	Pendulous sedge	2015
Carex pseudocyperus	Cyperus Sedge	2005
Carex remota	Remote sedge (WF)	1997
Carex sp.	a sedge	1993
Carex sylvatica	Wood sedge	2014
Carpinus betulus	Hornbeam	2020
Castanea sativa	Sweet Chestnut	2020
Cedrus libani	Cedar-of-Lebanon	2014
Centaurea montana	Perennial Cornflower	1993
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed	2020
Centaurea scabiosa	Greater Knapweed	2013
Centaurium erythraea	Common Centaury	2005
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	2020
Cerastium glomeratum	Sticky Mouse-ear	2013
Ceratochloa carinata	Californian Brome	2020
Chaerophyllum temulum	Rough Chervil	2003
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb	2015
Chelidonium majus	Greater Celandine	1997
Chenopodium album agg.	Fat Hen	2015
Circaea lutetiana	Enchanter's-nightshade	2015
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	2020
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle	2013
Cirsium vulgare	Spear thistle	2015
Claytonia peifoliata	Spring beauty	
Clematis vitalba	Traveller's-joy	2015
Clinopodium vulgare	Wild basil (WF)	2010
Conium maculatum	Hemlock	2013
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	2020
Conyza canadensis	Canadian Fleabane	2013
Conyza sumatrensis	Guernsey Fleabane	2013
Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood	2013
Coronopus didymus	Lesser Swinecress	2005
Corylus avellana	Hazel	2020
Crassula helmsii	New Zealand Pigmyweed	2020
Crataegus laevigata	Midland hawthorn	2014
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	2020
Cratageus x media	C.monogyna x laevigata	2015
Crepis biennis	Rough hawkbit (WF)	2011
Crepis capillaris	Smooth Hawk's-beard	2014
Crepis vesicaria	Beaked Hawk's-beard	2015
Crocus tommasinianus	Early Crocus	2003
Cyclamen hederifolium	Sowbread	2011
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	2013

Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dog's-tail	2013
Cyperus longus	Galingale	2007
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	1993
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	2020
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common spotted orchid	2007
Daphne laureola	Spurge-laurel	1993
Daucus carota	Wild Carrot	2005
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove	2015
Diplotaxis tenuifolia	Perennial Wall-rocket	1993
Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel	2015
Dipsacus fullonum sens. Lat.	Wild Teasel	2005
Dryopteris filix-mas agg.	Male Fern	2014
Echinops bannaticus	Blue globe-thistle (introduced)	2015
Echinops sphaerocephalus	Globe-thistle (introduced)	2000
Elytrigia repens	Common Couch	2014
Epilobium ciliatum	American Willowherb	1993
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willowherb	2015
Epilobium montanum	Broad-leaved Willowherb	2013
Epilobium parviflorum	Hoary Willowherb	2005
Epilobium roseum	Pale Willowherb	2005
Epilobium tetragonum	Square-stalked Willowherb	1993
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	2015
Erigeron acer	Blue Fleabane	1993
Erodium cicutarium	Common stork's-bill	2005
Erophila verna	Whitlow grass	2014
Erysimum cheiranthoides	Treacle Mustard	1993
Eschscholzia californica	Californian Poppy	2015
Euonymus europaeus	Spindle (WF)	2010
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp-agrimony	1993
Euphorbia peplus	Petty Spurge	2015
Fagus slvatica 'purpurea'	Copper Beech	2005
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	2014
Fallopia baldschuanica	Russian Vine	1993
Fatsia japonica	Fatsia	2015
Festuca arundinacea	Tall fescue	2005
Festuca rubra	Red fescue	2020
Ficaria verna	Lesser Celendine	2014
Filipendula vulgaris	Dropwort (WF)	2010
Fraxinus angustifolia	Narrow-leaved ash (planted)	2011
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	2020
Galanthus nivalis	Snowdrop	2003
Galega officinalis	Goat's-rue	2005
Galeopsis tetrahit agg.	Common Hemp-nettle [agg.]	1993
Galinsoga parviflora	Gallant Soldier	2015

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Galium aparine	Cleavers	2015
Galium mollugo	Hedge Bedstraw	2013
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw	2020
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	2020
Geranium lucidum	Shining crane's-bill	2015
Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	2015
Geranium pusillum	Small-flowered crane's-bill (WF)	2010
Geranium pyrenaicum	Hedgerow Cranesbill	2015
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	2015
Geum urbanum	Wood Avens	2015
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair tree (MHG)	2009
Glechoma hederacea	Ground Ivy	2015
Glyceria declinata	Small Sweet-Grass	2018
Glyceria fluitans	Floating Sweet-grass	2013
Glyceria maxima	Reed Sweet-grass	2013
Glyceria sp.	Sweet-grass	2014
Gnaphalium uliginosum	Marsh Cudweed	2005
Hedera helix	Ivy	2020
Helminthotheca echinoides	Bristly Oxtongue	2015
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	2015
Herniaria glabra	Smooth rupturewort	2011
Hirschfeldia incana	Hoary Mustard	2013
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	2020
Hordeum murinum	Wall Barley	2014
Hordeum secalinum	Meadow Barley	2020
Hyacinthoides hispanica	Spanish Bluebell	2005
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	2005
Hyacinthoides spp.	Garden/Spanish bluebell and hybrids	2014
Hyacinthoides x massartiana	Hybrid Bluebell (H. non-scripta x	2015
·	hispanica)	
Hypericum androsaemum	Tutsan	2015
Hypericum calycinum	Rose-of Sharon	2015
Hypericum maculatum	Imperforate St John's-wort	2005
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort	2015
Hypochaeris radicata	Cats-ear	2015
llex aquifolium	Holly	2020
Impatiens glandulifera	Himalayan balsam (CP)	2005
Inula conyzae	Ploughman's-spikenard	2000
Iris foetidissima	Stinking iris	2001
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Iris	2005
Juglans regia	Walnut	2021
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	2018
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2013
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush	2014

Kickxia spuria	Round-leaved Fluellen	2015
Knautia arvensis	Field Scabious	2013
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	2013
Lactuca virosa	Great lettuce (WF)	2011
Lamiastrum galeobdolon subsp.	Garden Yellow-archangel	2015
argentatum		
Lamium album	White Dead-nettle	2014
Lamium amplexicaule	Hen-bit Dead-nettle	1993
Lamium purpureum	Red Dead-nettle	2014
Lappula squarrosa	Bur Forget-me-not	1993
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort	2014
Larex decidua	Larch	2005
Larix decidua	European larch	2014
Larix japonica	Japanese larch	2009
Larix kaempferi	Japanese Larch	1982
Lathyrus latifolius	Broad-leaved everlasting-pea (WF)	2010
Lathyrus nissolia	Grass Vetchling	2013
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow vetchling	2020
Laurus nobilis	Bay	2014
Lemna gibba	Fat Duckweed	1993
Lemna minor	Common Duckweed	2018
Lemna minuta	Least duckweed	2005
Lemna trisulca	Ivy-leaved duckweed	2014
Leontodon autumnalis	Autumnal Hawkbit	1993
Leontodon hispidus	Rough hawkbit	2013
Leontodon saxatilis	Lesser Hawkbit	2013
Lepidium draba	Hoary Cress	1993
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye daisy	2020
Ligustrum vulgare	Wild Privet	2005
Linaria purpurea	Purple Toadflax	2015
Linaria vulgaris	Common Toadflax	2013
Lolium perenne	Perennial Rye-grass	2020
Lonicera periclymenum	Honeysuckle	2013
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	2020
Lotus pedunculatus	Large Bird's-foot-trefoil	1993
Lunaria annua	Honesty	1993
Lupinus arboreus	Tree Lupin	1993
Luzula campestris	Field Woodrush	2014
Lycopus europaeus	Gypsywort	2005
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny	2007
Lysimachia vulgaris	Yellow Loosestrife	2005
Lythrum salicaria	Purple-loosestrife	2013
Malus domestica	Apple	1993
Malus sylvestris	Crab Apple	2013
Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	2014

Matricaria discoidea	Pineappleweed	2013
Matricaria recutita	Scented Mayweed	1997
Medicago arabica	Spotted Medick	1993
Medicago lupulina	Black medick	2015
Medicago sativa	Lucerne	2005
Medicago sativa ssp. Sativa	Lucerne	2005
Melica uniflora	Wood Melick	2015
Melilotus albus	White Melilot	2000
Melilotus officinalis	Ribbed Melilot	1993
Mentha aquatica	Water mint	2013
Mentha spicata	Spear Mint	1993
Menyanthes trifoliata	Bogbean	2007
Mercurialis perennis	Dog's Mercury	2014
Milium effusum	Wood Millet	2013
	Wall Lettuce	2013
Mycelis muralis Myosotis arvensis	Field Forget-me-not	2013
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Myosotis scorpioides	Water Forget-me-not Parrot's-feather	
Myriophyllum aquaticum		2011
Narcissus agg.	a garden daffodil	2005
Narcissus pseudonarcissus	Dafodill	2013
Nigella damascena	Love-in-a-miast	2015
Nymphaea alba	White Water-lily	2005
Nymphoides peltata	Fringed Water-lily	1993
Odontites vernus	Red Bartsia	2020
Oenothera biennis	Common Evening-primrose	1993
Ophrys apifera	Bee orchid (WF)	2010
Origanum vulgare	Marjoram (WF)	2013
Ornithogalum nutans	Drooping Star-of- Bethlehem (MHG)	2010
Ornithogalum umbellatum	Star-of-Bethlehem	2006
Orobanche elatior	Knapweed Broomrape	1993
Orobanche minor	Common Broomrape	2013
Oxalis acetosella	Wood-sorrel	1993
Oxalis debilis	Large-flowered Pink-sorrel	1993
Papaver dubium ssp. dubium	Long-headed Poppy	1993
Papaver hybridum	Rough poppy (WF)	2010
Papaver rhoeas	Common Poppy	2020
Parietaria judaica	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	1993
Pentaglottis sempervirens	Green Alkanet	2013
Persicaria maculosa	Redshank	2005
Petasites fragrans	Winter Heliotrope	1993
Phleum bertolonii	Smaller Cat's-tail	2020
Phleum pratense	Timothy	2013
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	2005
Picris echioides	Brisly oxtongue	2013

Picris hieracioides	Hawkweed oxtongue	2013
Pilosella officinarum	Mouse-ear-hawkweed	2013
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet saxifrage	2020
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole Pine	1982
Pinus pinaster	Maritime Pine	1982
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	2005
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort plantain	2020
Plantago major	Greater Plantain	2020
Plantago media	Hoary plantain (WF)	2010
Platanus x hispanica	London Plane	2005
Poa annua	Annual meadow grass	2014
Poa nemoralis	Wood Meadow-grass	2016
Poa pratensis	Smooth stalked meadow grass	2013
Poa trivialis	Rough stalked meadowgrass	2013
Polygonatum multiflorum x odoratum	Garden Solomon's-seal	1993
Polygonum aviculare	Knotgrass	2013
Polypogon viridis	Water bent (introduced)	2011
Populis tremula	Aspen (WF)	2010
Populus alba	White Poplar	2005
Populus canadensis	Hybrid black poplar	2005
Populus nigra italica	Lombardy poplar	1999
Potentilla anglica	Trailing Tormentil	2013
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed	2013
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	2013
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil	2020
Primula veris	Cowslip	2013
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal	2005
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	2015
Prunus cerastifera	Cherry plum	2005
Prunus domestica	Wild Plum	1993
Prunus laurocerasus	Cherry Laurel	2020
Prunus serotina	Rum cherry (WF)	2010
Prunus sp.	a planted cherry	2005
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	2020
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	2005
Pulicaria dysenterica	Common Fleabane	2013
Pyrus communis sens. str.	Pear	1993
Quercus cerris	Turkey Oak	2020
Quercus ilex	Evergreen/Holm oak	2015
Quercus petraea	Sessile Oak	1982
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	2020
Quercus rubra	Red Oak	2013
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	2020
Ranunculus auricomus	Goldilocks Buttercup	1993

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Ranunculus baudotii	Brackish water crowfoot	2018
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous buttercup	2013
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser Celandine	2005
Ranunculus lingua (CR)	Greater Spearwort	2005
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	2012
Ranunculusp eltatus	Round-leaved water crow-foot	2007
Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild Radish	1993
Resda luteola	Wild Mignonette	2013
Rhamnus cathartica	Buckthorn	1993
Rhinanthus angustifolius	Greater yellow-rattle (WF)	2014
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow rattle (WF)	2013
Ribes sanguineum	Flowering currant	2014
Ribes uva-crispa	Gooseberry	2000
Robinia pseudoacacia	False-acacia	2013
Rosa arvensis	Field Rose	2005
Rosa canina	Dog-rose	2013
Rosa rubiginosa	Sweet-briar	2013
Rosa sp.	a rose (unidentified)	2005
Rubus caesius	Dewberry	2014
Rubus cockburnianus	White-stemmed bramble (planted)	2011
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	2020
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	2020
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel	2020
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel [agg.]	2005
Rumex conglomeratus	Clustered Dock	2013
Rumex crispus	Curled Dock	2014
Rumex hydrolapathum	Water Dock	2005
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad leaved dock	2014
Rumex pulcher (CR)	Fiddle Dock	2005
Rumex sanguineus	Wood Dock	2014
Runiex pulcher	Fiddle dock	2005
Sagina procumbens	Procumbent Pearlwort	1993
Sagittaria latifolia	Duck-potato	2011
Sagittaria sagittifolia	Arrowhead	2005
Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow	2005
Salix caprea	Goat Willow	2013
Salix cinerea	Grey Willow	2013
Salix cinerea ssp. oleifolia	a willow	2016
Salix fragilis	Crack Willow	2015
Salix sp.	a sallow	1993
Salix viminalis	Osier	1993
Sambucus nigra	Elder	2020
Schedonorus arundinaceus	Tall fescue	2020
Schedonorus giganteus	Giant Fescue	2014

Schedonorus pratensis	Meadow Fescue	2013
Scirpus sylvaticus	Wood Club-rush	2005
Scorzoneroides autumnalis	Autumn hawkbit	2013
Scrophularia nodosa	Common Figwort	2013
Sedum rupestre	Reflexed stonecrop (introduced) (WF)	2011
Senecio erucifolius	Hoary Ragwort	2020
Senecio jacobaea	Common Ragwort	2020
Senecio squalidus	Oxford ragwort	2013
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel	2014
Sequoia sempervirens	Coastal Redwood	1982
Silaum silaus (CR)	Pepper-saxifrage	2005
Silene dioica	Red Campion	2013
Silene latifolia	White campion	2013
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	1993
Sinapis arvensis	Charlock	2013
Sisymbrium officinale	Hedge Mustard	2014
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	2014
Solidago canadensis	Canadian Goldenrod	2013
Solidago gigantea	Early goldenrod (introduced) (WF)	2011
Sonchus arvensis	Perennial Sow-thistle	1993
Sonchus asper	Prickly sow thistle	2014
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sow-thistle	2014
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	2014
Sorbus aria	Rowan	2014
Sorbus aucuparia Sorbus torminalis	Wild Service Tree	2010
	Branched bur-reed	2013
Sparganiun erectum Spergula arvensis	Corn spurrey (WF)	2013
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Spergularia rubra	Sand spurrey	2011
Stachys sylvatica Stellaria graminea	Hedge Woundwort Lesser Stitchwort	2013
Stellaria holostea	Greater Stitchwort	2013
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	2013
Stellaria pallida	Lesser chickweed	2014
Symphoricarpos albus	Snowberry	2013
Symphytum officinale	Common Comfrey	2013
Symphytum. 'Hidcote Blue'	Hidcote comfrey	2013
Tamus communis	Black bryony	2013
Taraxacum officinale agg.	Dandelion	2013
	Dandelion	2020
Taraxacum spp Taxus baccata		2020
	Yew Wostorn Rod codor	
Thuja plicata	Western Red-cedar	1982
Tilia cordata (CR)	Small-leaved Lime	1993
Tilia cordata x platyphyllos	Lime	2005

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Tilia cordata x platyphyllos (T. x	Lime	1993
vulgaris) Tilia platyphyllos	Large-leaved Lime	2013
Tilia piatypriyrios Tilia sp.	a lime	1993
<u> </u>		2014
Tilia. X europaea	Lime	
Torilis japonica	Upight hedge parsley	2015
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's beard	2013
Tragopogon pratensis minor	Goat's-beard (native)	2015
Tragopogon pratensis pratensis	Goat's-beard (introduced)	2011
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	2013
Trifolium dubium	Lesser Trefoil	1993
Trifolium pratense	Red clover	2020
Trifolium repens	White Clover	2014
Trifoliuni arvense	Haresfoot clover	
Tripleurospermum inodorum	Scentless mayweed	2013
Tripleurospermum maritimum agg.	Scentless Mayweed	2005
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oatgrass	2013
Triticum aestivum	Bread Wheat	2015
Tsuga heterophylla	Western Hemlock	1982
Tussilago farfara	Colt's-foot	1993
Typha angustifolia	Lesser reedmace	2007
Typha latifolia	Reedmace	2011
Ulmus glabra	Wych Elm	2005
Ulmus procera	English Elm	2020
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	2020
Verbascum thapsus	Great Mullein	2015
Verbena bonariensis	Argentinian Vervain	2015
Veronica arvensis	Wall Speedwell	1993
Veronica beccabunga	Brooklime	2014
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell	2020
Veronica filiformis	Slender Speedwell	1993
Veronica hederifolia	Ivy-leaved Speedwell [agg.]	1993
Veronica montana	Wood speedwell	2001
Veronica persica	Common Field-speedwell	2015
Viburnum lantana	Wayfaring-tree	2013
Viburnum opulus	Guelder Rose	2005
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	2013
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	2013
Vicia sativa	Common Vetch	2020
Vicia sativa subsp. segetalis	Common Vetch	2014
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch	2013
Vicia tetrasperma	Smooth tare (WF)	2010
Vinca minor	Lesser Periwinkle	2012
Viola arvensis	Field Pansy	2005
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	1993
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Viola reichenbachiana	Early wood violet	2000
Viola riviniana	Common Dog-violet	1993
Viola sp.	a violet	2005
Viscum album	Mistletoe	2013
Vulpia bromoides	Squirrel-tail Fescue	1993

Lichens

Scientific name	Date last
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Agonimia tristicula	1995
Bacidia sabuletorum	1995
Buellia punctata	1993
Caloplaca holocarpa	1995
Caloplaca citrina	1993
Caloplaca flavescens	1995
Caloplaca flavovirescens	1995
Caloplaca teicholyta	1995
Candelariella reflexa	1993
Candellariella aurella	1995
Candellariella medians	1995
Candellariella vitellina	1995
Catillaria chalybeia	1995
Cladonia chlorophaea	1993
Cladonia coniocraea	1993
Cladonia fimbriata	1993
Cladonia pocillim	1995
Cladonia pyxidata	1993
Cladonia squamosa	1993
Cliostomum griffithii	1995
Cyphelium notarisii	1995
Diploicia canescens	1993
Diploschistes muscorum	1993
Evernia prunastri	1993
Foraminella ambigua	1993
Hyperphyscia adglutinata	1993
Hypocenomyce scalaris	1995
Hypogymnia physodes	1993
Lecania erysibe	1995
Lecanora albescens	1993
Lecanora campestris	1995
Lecanora chlarotera	1993
Lecanora conizaeoides	1993
Lecanora dispersa	1993

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Lecanora expallens	1993
Lecanora muralis	1993
Lecanora polytropa	1995
Lecanora saligna	1995
Lecanora symmicta	1995
Lecidella elaeochroma	1995
Lecidella scabra	1995
Lecidella stigmatea	1995
Lepraria incana	1993
Lepraria lesdainii	1995
Leptogium teretiusculum	1995
Micarea denigrata prasina	1995
Micarea prasina	1993
Mycoblastus sterilis	1995
Parmelia caperata	1993
Parmelia perlata	1995
Parmelia revolute	1993
Parmelia subaurifera	1993
Parmelia subrudecta	1995
Parmelia sulcata	1993
Parmeliopsis ambigua	1995
Phaeophyscia orbicularis	1995
Physcia adscendens	1993
Physcia aipolia	1995
Physcia caesia	1995
Physcia dubia	1995
Physcia tenella	1993
Physconia grisea	1993
Psilolechia lucida	1993
Ramalina farinacea	1993
Rinodina gennarii	1995
Rinodina sophodes	1993
Sarcogyne regularis	1995
Scoliciosporum chlorococcum	1995
Scoliciosporum umbninum	1995
Toninia aromatic	1995
Trapelia coarctata	1995
Trapelia involuta	1995
Trapeliopsis flexuosa	1995
Usnea subfloridana	1995
Verrucaria glaucina	1995
Verrucaria hochstetteri	1995
Verrucaria macrostoma	1995
Verrucaria nigrescens	1993
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Verrucaria viridula	1995
Xanthoria calcicola	1995
Xanthoria candelaria	1993
Xanthoria elegans	1993
Xanthoria parietina	1993
Xanthoria polycarpa	1993

Bryophytes

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Amblystegium riparium	a moss	1993
Amblystegium serpens	Creeping feather-moss	2013
Atrichum undulatum	a hair-moss	1993
Barbula convoluta var. commutata	a moss	1993
Barbula convoluta var. convoluta	a moss	1993
Barbula cylindrical	a moss	1993
Barbula fallax	a moss	1993
Barbula hornschuchiana	a moss	1993
Barbula revolute	a moss	1993
Barbula tophacea	a moss	1993
Barbula trifaria	a moss	-1980
Barbula unguiculata	a moss	1993
Barbula vinealis	a moss	1993
Brachythecium albicans	a moss	1993
Brachythecium rutabulum	a moss	1993
Brachythecium velutinum	a moss	-1980
Bryum argenteum	a moss	1993
Bryum bicolor sens. lat.	a moss	1993
Bryum caespiticium	a moss	-1980
Bryum capillare	a moss	1993
Bryum flaccidum	a moss	1993
Bryum microerythrocarpum	a moss	-1980
Bryum rubens	a moss	1993
Bryum ruderale	a moss	-1980
Calliergon cuspidatum	a moss	1993
Campylopus introflexus	a moss	1993
Cephaloziella divaricata	a liverwort	1993
Ceratodon purpureus	a moss	1993
Colojeunea minutissima	Minute pouncewort	2013
Cryphaea heteromalla	Lateral cryphaea	2013
Dicranella heteromalla	a moss	1993
Dicranoweisia cirrata	a moss	1993
Didymodon nicholsonii	Nicholson 's beard-moss	2013

Eurhynchium praelongum	a moss	1993
Eurhynchium pumilum	a moss	1993
Eurhynchium swartzii	a moss	-1980
Fissidens bryoides	a moss	1993
Fissidens incurvus	a moss	1993
Fissidens taxifolius	a moss	1993
Fissidens viridulus	a moss	-1980
Frullania dilatata	Dilated scalewort	2013
Funaria hygrometrica	a moss	1993
Grimmia pulvinata	a moss	1993
Gyroweisia tenuis	a moss	1993
Hennediella macrophylla	a moss	1993
Homalothecium sericeum	a moss	1993
Hypnum cupressiforme var. cupressiforme	a moss	1993
Hypnum jutlandicum	a moss	1993
Hypnum resupinatum	Supine Plait-moss	2013
Isopterygium elegans	a moss	-1980
Leptodictyium riparium	Kneiff 's feather- moss	2013
Lophocolea bidentata	a liverwort	-1980
Lophocolea heterophylla	a liverwort	1993
Lunularia cruciata	a liverwort	1993
Metzgeria furcata	Forked veilwort	2013
Mnium hornum	a moss	1993
Orthodontium lineare	a moss	-1980
Orthotrichum affine	a moss	1993
Orthotrichum anomalum	a moss	1993
Orthotrichum diaphanum	a moss	1993
Phascum cuspidatum	a moss	1993
Plagiomnium affine	a moss	-1980
Plagiomnium undulatum	a moss	-1980
Plagiothecium undulatum	a moss	1993
Pohlia carnea	a moss	1993
Pohlia nutans	a moss	-1980
Polytrichum formosum	a hair-moss	-1980
Polytrichum juniperinum	a hair-moss	1993
Porella platyphylla	a liverwort	1993
Pseudoscleropodium purum	a moss	1993
Radula complanata	a liverwort	1993
Rhizomnium punctatum	a moss	1993
Rhychostegiella pumila	Dwarf feather-moss	2013
Rhynchostegiella tenella	Tender feather-moss	2013
Rhynchostegium confertum	a moss	1993
Rhynchostegium murale	a moss	1993
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	a moss	1993
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Riccia fluitans	Floating crystalwort	2013
Schistidium apocarpum sens. lat.	a moss	1993
Syntrichia latifolia	Water screw-moss	2013
Syntrichia papillosa	Marble screw-moss	2013
Thamnobryum alopecurum	Foxtail feather-moss	2013
Tortula intermedia	a moss	-1980
Tortula marginata	Bordered screw- moss	2013
Tortula muralis	a moss	1993
Tortula ruralis ssp. ruralis	a moss	1993
Ulota bruchii	Bruch's pincushion	2013
Zygodon viridissimus	Green yoke-moss	2013

Fungi

Scientfic name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Acrocordia salweyi	a fungus	1993
Agaricus arvensis	Horse Mushroom	1993
Agaricus campestris	Field Mushroom	1993
Agaricus cf. silvicola	Wood mushroom	1999
Alternaria tenuissima	fungi imperfecti	1993
Ampulloclitocybe clavipes	Club foot	2001
Arcyria incarnate	a slime mould	1993
Armillaria mellea	Honey Fungus	1993
Asteromella arbuticola	Ascomycete	2013
Aulographum hederae	Ascomycete	2013
Auricularia mesenterica	Tripe Fungus	1993
Bisporella citrina	an ascomycete fungus	1993
Bjerkandera adusta	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Bolbitius vitellinus	an agaric	1993
Boletus cisalpinus (=Xerocomus	Red-cracked bolete	2010
chrysenteron)		
Bulgaria inquinans	an ascomycete fungus	1993
Caducirostrum foiicola	Ascomycete	2013
Calocera cornea	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Calocybe (=Tricholoma) gambosa	St George's mushroom	2014
Calvatia gigantea	Giant puffball	1996
Chaetomium spp	Ascomycete	2013
Chondrostereum purpureum	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Claviceps purpurea	Ergot	1993
Clavulina coralloides	Crested coral	2008
Clitocybe dealbata	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Clitocybe nebularis	Cloud agaric	2013
Collybia (=Rhodocollybia) butyracea	Buttercap	2013
Collybia confluens	Clustered Tough-shank	1993

Collybia erythropus	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Collybia fusipes	Spindlechank	2002
Collybia peronata	Wood Woolly-foot	1993
Coprinus atramentarius	Common Ink-cap	1993
Coprinus lagopus	Hare's-foot inkcap	2001
Coprinus micaceus	· ·	1993
-	Glistening Ink-cap	1993
Coprinus plicatilis	an agaric	
Crepidotus mollis	Peeling oysterling (WF)	2013
Crepidotus variabilis	an agaric	1993
Cryptostroma corticale	Ascomycete - sooty bark disease of maple	2013
Cumminsiella mirabilissima	a rust	1993
Dacrymyces stillatus	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Daedaleopsis confragosa	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Daldinia concentrica	Cramp-ball	1993
Diatrypella favacea	Ascomycete	2013
Diatrypella sp.	Ascomycete	2013
Dictydiaethalium plumbeum	a slime mould	1993
Diplodia magnolidae	Ascomycete	2013
Entoloma lividoalbum	Pinkgill (WF)	2013
Entyloma ficariae	Celandine smut	2013
Erysiphe depressa	a conidial powdery mildew	1993
Erysiphe heraclei	a conidial powdery mildew	1993
Erysiphe polygoni	a conidial powdery mildew	1993
Eutypa maura	Ascomycete	2013
Exidia thuretiana	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Exosporium tiliae	Ascomycete	2013
Fistuliina hepatica	Beefsteak bracket	2013
Flammulina velutipes	Velvet Shank	1993
Handkea (=Lycoperdon) exculpiformis	Pestle puffball (WF)	2010
Hebeloma crustuliniforme	Poison Pie	1993
Hirneola auricula-judae	Jew's Ear	1993
Hygrocybe psittacina	Parrot waxcap (WF)	2013
Hygrocybe virginea	Snowy waxcap (WF)	2013
Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca	False chanterelle	2013
Hypholoma fasciculare	Sulphur Tuft	1993
Hypoxylon rubiginosum	an ascomycete fungus	1993
Inocybe geophylla	an agaric	1993
Inonotus dryadeus	Oak bracket	2013
Kretzschmaria deusta	Ascomycete	2013
Laccaria amethystina	Amethyst deceiver (WF)	2013
Laccaria laccata	Deceiver	1993
Laccaria proxima	Surfy deceiver (WF)	2013
Lacrymaria lacrymabunda	Weeping Widow	1993
Lactarius deliciosus	Saffron milkcap	2005

Lactarius pyrogalus	Fiery milkcap (WF)	2013
Laetiporus sulphereus	Chicken-of-the-woods	1999
Lepiota cristata	Stinking Parasol	1993
Lepista inverse	Tawny Funnel Cap	1993
Lepista niverse	Wood Blewit	1993
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Slime mould	2012
Lycogala terrestre		
Lycoperdon perlatum	Common puffball (WF)	2004
Macrolepiota rhacodes	Shaggy Parasol	1993
Marasmius alliaceus	Garlic parachute	2001
Marasmius oreades	Fairy Ring Champignon	1993
Melampsora capraearum	a rust	1993
Melanoleuca sp.	Cavalier	1999
Meripilus giganteus	Giant Polypore	1993
Meruliopsis corium	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Microsphaera alphitoides	a conidial powdery mildew	1993
Mycena arcangeliana	Angel's bonnet (WF)	2013
Mycena glaericulata	Common bonnet	2002
Mycena galopus	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Mycena maculata	Bonnet (WF)	2013
Mycena mairei	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Mycena olivaceomarginata	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Mycena vitilis	Snapping bonnet (WF)	2013
Myxarium nucleatum	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Nectria cinnabarina	Coral-spot Fungus	1993
Orbilia leucostigma	an ascomycete fungus	1993
Otidea alutacea	Tan ear (WF)	2013
Paxillus involutus	Brown rollrim	2011
Phanerochaete jose-ferreirae	Basidiomycete	2013
Phellinus pomaceus	Basidiomycete	2013
Phragmidium violaceum	a rust	2013
Physarum nutans	a slime mould	1993
Piptoporus betulinus	Birch Polypore	1993
Platychora ulmi	a fungus	1993
Pleurotus dryinus	Veiled oyster (WF)	2013
Polyporus durus (badius)	Bay polypore	1999
Polyporus squamosus	Dryad's Saddle	1993
Pseudotrametes gibbosa	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Puccinia caricina var. ribesii-pendulae	a rust	1993
Puccinia liliacearum	a rust	2013
Puccinia malvacearum	a rust	1993
Puccinia menthae	a rust	1993
Puccinia punctiformis	a rust	1993
Rhodotus palmatus	Wrinkled peach (WF)	2013
Rhytisma acerinum	Tar-spot Fungus	1993

Septoria ornithogali	Ascomycete	2013
Sirococcus sp.	Ascomycete	2013
Sphaceloma mattiroloanum	Ascomycete	2013
Stereum gausapatum	Bleeding oak crust (WF)	2008 (2013)
Stereum hirsutum	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Stropharia aeruginosa	Verdigris Agaric	1993
Suillus grevillei	Larch bolete	2010
Suillus luteus	Slippery Jack	1993
Taphrina pruni	Pocket plum	2014
Trametes gibbosa	Lumpy bracket	2013
Trametes versicolor	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Trichia decipiens	a slime mould	1993
Trichia varia	a slime mould	1993
Tricholoma argyraceum	a basidiomycete fungus	1993
Tricholoma scalpturatum	Yellow knight (WF)	2013
Trochila ilicina	an ascomycete fungus	1993
Tubaria autochthona	an agaric	1993
Uromyces ficariae	Celandine rust	2013
Ustilago avenae	Loose smut	2002
Ustilago violacea	a rust	1993
Volvariella gloiocephala	Stubble rosegill (WF)	2013
Xerula radicata	Rooting shank (WF)	2013
Xylaria hypoxylon	Candle-snuff Fungus	1993
Xylaria polymorpha	Dead Man's Fingers	1993

Arachnid (Spiders, Harvestmen and Pseudoscorpians)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Achaearanea lunata	a comb-footed spider	1993
Agelenatea redii	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Amaurobius fenestralis	a lace-webbed spider	1993
Anelosimus sp., juvenile A	Comb-footed spiders	2014
Anelosimus vittatus	Comb-footed spiders	2013
Anyphaena accentuata	a buzzing spider	1993
Araneus diadematus	Garden Orb-web	1993
	Spider	
Araneus quadratus	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Araniella opistographa	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Araniella sp., juvenile B	Cucumber spider	2013
Atea triguttata	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Bathyphantes parvulus	a money spider	1993
Chthonius (Chthonius) ischnocheles	a false scorpion	1993
Clubiona brevipes	a foliage spider	1993
Clubiona comta	Foliage spiders	2013

Clubiona reclusa	a foliage spider	1993
Cyclosa conica	Orb-web spiders	2013
Diaea dorsata	Crab spiders	2013
Dicranopalpus ramosus	a harvestman	1993
Dictyna arundinacea	a mesh webbed spider	1993
Dictyna uncinata	a mesh webbed spider	1993
Enoplognatha latimana	a comb-footed spider	1993
Enoplognatha ovata	a comb-footed spider	1993
Entelacara acuminata	Money spiders	2013
Heliophanus cupreus	a jumping spider	2004
Heliophanus flavipes	a jumping spider	2004
Lacinius ephippiatus	a harvestman	1993
Leiobunum rotundum	a harvestman	1993
Lepthyphantes sp., juvenile C	Money spiders	2014
Linyphia hortensis	a money spider	1993
Mangora acalypha	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Metellina mengei	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Micaria pulicaria	a ground spider	1993
Misumena vatia	a crab spider	1993
Neriene peltata	Money spiders	2013
Oligolophus tridens	a harvestman	1993
Opilio saxatilis	a harvestman	1993
Paidiscura pallens	Comb-footed spiders	2013
Pardosa amentata	a wolf spider	1993
Paroligolophus agrestis	a harvestman	1993
Phalangium opilio	a harvestman	1993
Philodromus albidus	Running crab spiders	2014
Philodromus aureolus	a running crab spider	2004
Philodromus cespitum	a running crab spider	1993
Philodromus collinus	a running crab spider	1993
Philodromus dispar	a running crab spider	1993
Philodromus praedatus	a running crab spider	1993
Pholcus phalangioides	Daddy-long-legs spider	2014
Pisaura mirabilis	Tent Spider	1993
Rilaena triangularis	a harvestman	1993
Salticus scenicus	Zebra Spider	1993
Sitticus pubescens	a jumping spider	1993
Stemonyphantes lineatus	a money spider	1993
Tetragnatha montana	a long-jawed spider	1993
Theridion bimaculatum	a comb-footed spider	1993
Theridion mystaceum	Comb-footed spiders	2013
Theridion mystaceum	a comb-footed spider	1993
Theridion pallens	a comb-footed spider	1993
Theridion sisyphium	a comb-footed spider	1993
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Theridion tinctum	a comb-footed spider	1993
Theridion varians	a comb-footed spider	1993
Tibellus oblongus	a running crab spider	1993
Trochosa terricola	Wolf spiders	2013
Walckenaeria unicornis	a money spider	1993
Xysticus cristatus	a crab spider	2004
Xysticus cristatus	a crab spider	1993
Xysticus ulmi	a crab spider	1993
Xysticus ulmi	a crab spider	1993
Zilla diodia	an orb-weaver spider	1993
Zora spinimana	a ghost spider	1993

Lepidoptera (Butterflies)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Aglais urticae	Small Tortoiseshell	2020
Anthocharis cardamines	Orange Tip	2020
Aphantopus hyperantus	Ringlet	2020
Argynnis paphia	Silver-washed Fritillary	2018
Aricia agestis	Brown Argus	2018
Callophrys rubi	Green Hairstreak	-1993
Celastrina argiolus	Holly Blue	2020
Coenonympha pamphilus	Small Heath	2020
Colias croceus	Clouded Yellow	-1993
Cupido minimus	Small Blue	2019
Gonepteryx rhamni	Brimstone	2020
Inachis io	Peacock	2020
Lycaena phlaeas	Small Copper	2020
Lysandra coridon	Chalk-hill Blue	-1993
Maniola jurtina	Meadow Brown	2020
Melanargia galathea	Marbled White	2020
Neozephrus (Quercusia) quercus	Purple Hairstreak	2020
Nymphalis antiopa	Camberwell Beauty	-1993
Ochlodes sylvanus	Large Skipper	2020
Pararge aegeria	Speckled Wood	2020
Pieris brassicae	Large White	2020
Pieris napi	Green-veined White	2020
Pieris rapae	Small White	2020
Polygonia c-album	Comma	2020
Polyommatus icarus	Common Blue	2020
Pyronia tithonus	Gatekeeper / Hedge Brown	2020
Satyrium w-album	White-letter Hairstreak	2017
Small/Essex Skipper	Small/Essex Skipper	2020
Thecla betulae	Brown Hairstreak	2018

Thymelicus lineola	Essex Skipper	2020
Thymelicus sylvestris	Small Skipper	2020
Vanessa (Cynthia) cardui	Painted Lady	2019
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral	2020

Lepidoptera (Moths)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Abrostola triplasia	Spectacle	2006
Acentria ephemerella	Water Veneer	2006
Acleris forsskaleana		2006
Acleris xylosteana	Variegated Fruit-tree Tortrix	2006
Acronicta megacephala	Poplar Grey	2007
Acronicta psi	Grey Dagger	2006
Adela fibulella	a longhorn moth	1998
Adela reamurella	a longhorn moth	2004
Agapeta hamana		2006
Agapeta zoegana		2006
Agnopterix alstromeriana		2007
Agriphila genicula		2006
Agriphila straminella		2006
Agriphila tristella		2006
Agrochola circellaris	Brick	2006
Agrotis clavis	Heart and Club	2006
Agrotis exclamationis	Heart and Dart	2006
Agrotis puta	Shuttle-shaped Dart	2007
Alcis repandata	Mottled Beauty	2006
Amphipyra berbera	Svensson's Copper Underwing	2006
Amphipyra pyramidea	Copper Underwing	1998
Anthophila fabriciana	Nettle-tap	2004
Apamea crenata	Clouded -bordered Brindle	2006
Batia lunaris		2006
Batia unitella		2006
Blastobastis decolorella		2006
Blastobastis lignea		2006
Bucculatrix ulmella		2006
Caloptilia semifascia		2006
Cameraria ohridella	(leaf mines and adults)	2006
Campaea margaritata	Light Emerald	2006
Camptogramma bilineata	Yellow Shell	2006
Carcina quercana		2006
Carpotelechia fugitivella		2006

Celypha lacunana		2007
Chrysoteuchia culmella		2006
Clavigesta purdeyi	Pine Leaf-mining Moth	2006
Clepsis consimilana		2006
Cnephasia incertana	Light Grey Tortrix	2006
Cochylimorpha straminea	,	2006
Cochylis hybridella		2006
Coleophora badiipennella	a micro-moth	2004
Colostygia pectinataria	Green Carpet	2007
Colotois pennaria	Feathered Thorn	1998
Conistra vaccinii	Chestnut	2006
Cosmia affinis	Lesser Spotted Pinion	2006
Cosmia trapezina	Dun Bar	2006
Crambus pascuella		2006
Craniophora ligustri	Coronet	2006
Cyclophora punctaria	Maiden's Blush	2006
Cydia fagiglandana		2006
Diachrysia chrysitis	Burnished Brass	2006
Diarsia rubi	Small Square Spot	2006
Dipleurina lacustrata		2006
Ditula angustiorana	Red barred Tortrix	2006
Drepena binaria	Oak Hook Tip	2006
Ectodemia subbimaculella	(leaf mines)	2005
Eilema complana	Scarce Footman	2006
Eilema luredeola	Common Footman	2006
Elophila nymphaeata	Brown China-mark	2006
Emmelina monodactyla	a plume moth	2006
Emmetia marginea	(leaf mines)	2005
Endotricha flammealis		2006
Epiblema scutulana	a tortrix moth	2004
Epinotia abbreviana	(leaf damage)	2007
Epinotia nisella		2006
Epinotia ramella		2006
Epiphyas postvittana	Light Brown Apple Moth	2006
Epirrhoe alternata	Common Carpet	2007
Erannis defoliaria	Mottled Umber	1998
Esperia sulphurella		2007
Euclidea glyphica	Burnet Companion	2004
Eucosma cana		2006
Eulithis pyraliata	Barred Straw	2004
Euphyia unangulata	Sharp-angled Carpet	2007
Eupithecia centaureata	Lime-speck Pug	1998
Eupithecia icerata	Tawny-speckled Pug	2006
Eupsilia transversa	Satellite	1998

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Pandemis heparana	Dark Fruit-tree Tortrix	2006
Panemeria tenebrata	Small Yellow Underwing	2004
Paradarisa consonaria	Square Spot	-1993
Paraswammerdamia albicapitella	<u> </u>	2006
Paronix anglicella	(leaf mines)	2005
Pediasia contaminella		2006
Pelurga comitata	Dark Spinach	2006
Peribatodes rhomboidaria	Willow Beauty	2006
Phtheochroa inopina		2006
Phyllonorycter acerifoliella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter corylifoliella	(leaf mines)	2006
Phyllonorycter harrisella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter kleemannella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter lautella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter leucographella	a micro-moth	1998
Phyllonorycter maestingella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter oxycanthae	(leaf mines)	2006
Phyllonorycter quercifoliella	(leaf mines)	2006
Phyllonorycter rajella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter salicicolella	(leaf mines)	2006
Phyllonorycter schreberella	(leaf mines)	2005
Phyllonorycter tristrigella	(leaf mines)	2006
Piniphila bifasciana		2006
Pleuroptya ruralis	Mother of Pearl	2006
Plutella xylostella	Diamond-back moth	2006
Prays ruficeps	Ash Bud Moth (black form)	2006
Pterophorus pentadactyla	White Plume Moth	2006
Pterostoma palpina	Pale Prominent	2007
Rhyacionia pinicolana		2006
Rivula sericealis	Straw Dot	2006
Scorbipalpa costella		2007
Scorparia ambigualis		2006
Scorparia pyrella		2006
Semiothisa liturata	Tawny-barred Angle	2006
Spilonota ocellana	Bud Moth	2006
Stigmella aurella	(leaf mines)	2006
Stigmella basiguttella	(leaf mines)	2005
Stigmella hemargyrella	(leaf mines)	2005
Stigmella lemniscella	(leaf mines)	2006
Stigmella tityrella	(leaf mines)	2005
Stigmella ulmivora	(leaf mines)	2006
Strophedra nitidana		2006
Thalpophila matura	Straw Underwing	2006
Thera obeliscata	Grey Pine Carpet	2006

Tortrix viridana	Green Oak Tortrix	-1993
Tyria jacobaeae	Cinnabar	-1993
Xanthia aurago	Barred Sallow	2006
Xanthorhoe montanata	Silver Ground Carpet	2007
Xestia sexstrigata	Six-striped Rustic	2006
Xestia triangulum	Double Square Spot	2006
Xestia xanthographa	Square-spot Rustic	2006
Xylocampa aerola	Early Grey	2007
Zygaena filipendulae	Six-spot Burnet	-1993

Coleoptera (Beetles)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last recorded
Acanthephodus onopordi	a seed weevil	2004
Adalia bipunctata	2-spot ladybird	2007
Adalia decempunctata	Ten-spot Ladybird	2004
Agapanthia villosoviridescens	Longhorn beetle	2012
Agriotes acuminatus	a click beetle	-1993
Agriotes obscurus	a click beetle	-1993
Agriotes sputator	a click beetle	2004
Agrypnus murinus	a click beetle	2004
Altica palustris	a leaf beetle	2004
Amara aenea	Common Sun Beetle	2004
Amara bifrons	a ground beetle	2004
Amara communis	a ground beetle	2004
Amara ovata	a ground beetle	2004
Anacaena lutescens	Water beetle	2007
Anaspis maculata	a tumbling flower beetle	2004
Anatis ocellata	Eyed Ladybird	2004
Anisosticta novemdecimpunctata	19-spot Ladybird	-1993
Anobium punctatum	Woodworm	-1993
Anthonomus pedicularius	a weevil	2004
Anthonomus rubi	Strawberry Blossom Weevil	2004
Anthribus nebulosus	a fungus weevil	2004
Aphidecta obliterata	a ladybird	-1993
Aspidapion (Koestilinia) aeneum	a seed weevil	-1993
Aspidapion radiolus	a seed weevil	-1993
Athous haemorrhoidalis	a click beetle	2004
Bruchus loti	a seed beetle	2004
Byturus ochraceus	a raspberry beetle	2004
Cantharis cryptica	a soldier beetle	2004
Cantharis decipiens	a soldier beetle	2004
Cantharis livida	a soldier beetle	2004
Cantharis nigricans	a soldier beetle	2004

Cantharis pellucida	a soldier beetle	-1993
Cantharis rufa	a soldier beetle	-1993
Cantharis rustica	a soldier beetle	2004
Cassida rubiginosa	Thistle Tortoise Beetle	2004
Centranthorhynchus barnevillei (WF)	Weevil	1998
Ceutorhynchus litura	a weevil	2004
Chalcoides aurea	a leaf beetle	2004
Chrysolina hyperici	a leaf beetle	2004
Chrysolina oricalcia	a leaf beetle	2004
Chrysolina staphylaea	a leaf beetle	-1993
Clytus arietus (WF)	Wasp beetle	2004
Coccidula rufa	a ladybird	-1993
Coccinella septempunctata	Seven-spot Ladybird	2004
Crioceris asparagi	Asparagus Beetle	2004
Cryptocephalus pusillus	a leaf beetle	2004
Curculio glandium	Acorn Weevil	2004
Dasytes plumbeus	a malachite beetle	2004
Donacia simplex	a leaf beetle	2004
Dorcus parallelipipedus	Lesser Stag Beetle	-1993
Dorytomus rufatus	a weevil	2004
Dorytomus taeniatus	a weevil	2004
Dromius linearis	a ground beetle	2004
Dryophilus pusillus	a wood boring beetle	2004
Eutrichapion ervi	a seed weevil	2004
Exochomus quadripustulatus	Pine Ladybird	2004
Galeruca tanaceti (WF)	Leaf beetle	1998
Gastrophysa polygoni	a leaf beetle	1993
Grammoptera ruficornis	a longhorn beetle	2004
Gymnetron pascuorum	a weevil	2004
Halyzia sedecimguttata	16-spot Ladybird	2004
Harmonia axyridis	Harlequin ladybird	2014
Harmonia quadripunctata	Four-spot Ladybird	2004
Harpalus affinis	a ground beetle	2004
Harpalus latus	a ground beetle	2004
Hemicoelus fulvicornis	a wood boring beetle	2004
Hemicoelus nitidus	a wood boring beetle	1989
Hemicrepidius hirtus	a click beetle	-1993
Hippodamia variegata	Adonis' Ladybird	2004
Hydroporus angustatus	Water beetle	2007
Hypera nigrirostris	a weevil	2004
Ischnodes sanquinicollis	Click beetle	1995
Ischnomera caerulea	a thick-legged flower beetle	1998
Ischnopterapion loti	a seed weevil	2004
Isomira murina	a darkling beetle	2004
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Kibunea minuta	a click beetle	2004
Laricobius erichsoni	a tooth-necked fungus beetle	2004
Lochmaea crataegi	Hawthorn Leaf Beetle	-1993
Longitarsus luridus	a leaf beetle	2004
Ischnomera caerulea (WF)		1998
Lucanus cervus (WF)	Stag beetle	1998
Magdalis armigera	Weevil	1998
Malachius bipustulatus	Malachite Beetle	2004
Malachius viridis	a malachite beetle	2004
Malthinus balteatus	a soldier beetle	-1993
Malthinus flaveolus	a soldier beetle	2004
Malthinus seriepunctatus	a soldier beetle	-1993
Malvapion malvae	a seed weevil	2004
Megatoma undata	a museum or larder beetle	1998
Meligethes atratus	a pollen or sap beetle	2004
Microcara testacea	a marsh beetle	2004
Myrrha octodecimguttata	18-spot Ladybird	-1993
Nephus quadrimaculatus	a ladybird	2004
Nicrophorus vespillo	Common Burying Beetle	2004
Ochina ptinoides	Ivy Boring Beetle	2004
Ocypus winkleri	a rove beetle	2004
Oedemera lurida	a thick-legged flower beetle	2004
Oedomera nobilis (WF)	Flower beetle	2005
Onthophagus coenobita	a dung beetle or chafer	2004
Orthoperus mundus	a minute fungus beetle	1998
Otiorhynchus singularis	Raspberry Weevil	2004
Oxystoma pomonae	a seed weevil	2004
Perapion curtirostre	a seed weevil	2004
Phaedon tumidulus	Celery Leaf Beetle	2004
Phyllobius maculicornis	Green Leaf Weevil	2004
Phyllobius pomaceus	a weevil	2004
Phyllobius pyri	Common Leaf Weevil	2004
Phyllobius roboretanus	Small Green Nettle Weevil	2004
Phyllobius viridiaeris	Green Nettle Weevil	2004
Phyllodecta laticollis	a leaf beetle	2004
Phyllopertha horticola	Bracken Chafer	2004
Phyllotreta atra	Turnip Flea Beetle	2004
Phyllotreta nigripes	Turnip Flea Beetle	2004
Propylea quattuordecimpunctata	14-spot Ladybird	2004
Protapion apricans	Clover Seed Weevil	2004
Protapion assimile	Clover Seed Weevil	2004
Protapion fulvipes	White Clover Seed Weevil	2004
Protapion trifolii	Clover Seed Weevil	2004
Pseudoalosterna livida	a longhorn beetle	2004

Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata	22-spot Ladybird	2004
Pyrochroa serraticornis	Common Cardinal Beetle	1998
Quedius semiobscurus	a rove beetle	2004
Rhagonycha fulva	Common red soldier beetle	2004
Rhagonycha lignosa	a soldier beetle	-1993
Rhagonycha limbata	a soldier beetle	2004
Rhinoncus pericarpius	a weevil	2004
Rhynchaenus quercus	a weevil	2004
Rhynchites aequatus	Apple Fruit weevil	-1993
Rhyzobius litura	a ladybird	2004
Scaphidium quadrimaculatum	a shining fungus beetle	-1993
Sciaphilus asperatus	Strawberry Root Weevil	2004
Scymnus frontalis	a ladybird	2004
Sermylassa halensis	a leaf beetle	-1993
Sitona hispidulus	Clover Weevil	2004
Sitona lepidus	a weevil	2004
Sitona lineatus	Pea and Bean Weevil	2004
Stenocarus umbrinus	a weevil	2004
Stenus cicindeloides	a rove beetle	2004
Strangalia melanura	a longhorn beetle	-1993
Strophosoma faber	a weevil	2004
Strophosoma melanogrammum	Nut Leaf Weevil	-1993
Subcoccinella vigintiquattuorpunctata	24-spot Ladybird	2004
Tachyporus solutus	a rove beetle	2004
Trichosirocalus troglodytes	a weevil	2004
Tychius picirostris	a weevil	2004
Tychius stephensi (WF)	Weevil	1998
Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata	16-spot Ladybird	2004
Xantholinus longiventris	a rove beetle	2004
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Diptera (True Flies)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last recorded
Beris chalybata	a soldier fly	-1993
Bibio anglicus	a st mark's fly	2004
Bibio marci	St Marks Fly	2004
Bibio nigriventris	a st mark's fly	-1993
Bicellaria vana	a dance fly	-1993
Bombylius major	Bee-fly	2014
Chaetorellia jaceae	a gall fly	2004
Cheilosia albitarsis	a hoverfly	2004
Cheilosia bergenstammi	a hoverfly	-1993
Cheilosia illustrata	a hoverfly	2004
Cheilosia laskai	a hoverfly	1998

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Cheilosia pagana	a hoverfly	1998
Cheilosia soror	a hoverfly	-1993
Chloromyia formosa	a soldier fly	2004
Chlorops scalaris	a fly	2004
Chorisops tibialis	a soldier fly	2004
Chrysotoxum cautum	a hoverfly	2004
Chrysotoxum festivum	a hoverfly	2004
Chrysotoxum verralli	a hoverfly	2004
Conops flavipes	a fly	2004
Conops quadrifasciata	a fly	-1993
Coremacera marginata	a snail-killing fly	-1993
Dasysyrphus albostriatus	a hoverfly	1998
Dasysyrphus venustus	a hoverfly	-1993
Didea fasciata	Hoverfly	1989
Dilophus bispinosus	a st mark's fly	2004
Dilophus femoratus	a st mark's fly	-1993
Dioctria atricapilla	a robber fly	-1993
Dioctria rufipes	a robber fly	2004
Elachiptera cornuta	a fly	-1993
Elgiva cucularia	a snail-killing fly	1998
Empis (Kritempis) livida	a dance fly	2004
Empis (Pachymeria) femorata	a dance fly	-1993
Empis (Pachymeria) tessellata	a dance fly	2004
Empis (Xanthempis) aemula	a dance fly	-1993
Empis (Xanthempis) stercorea	a dance fly	-1993
Empis (Xanthempis) trigramma	a dance fly	2004
Empis aestiva	a dance fly	-1993
Empis caudatula	a dance fly	-1993
Empis nigripes	a dance fly	-1993
Empis nuntia	a dance fly	-1993
Epistrophe diaphana	a hoverfly	-1993
Epistrophe eligans	a hoverfly	2004
Epistrophe grossulariae	a hoverfly	-1993
Episyrphus balteatus	a hoverfly	2004
Erioptera griseipennis	a cranefly	2004
Eriothrix rufomaculata	a parasitic fly	2004
Eristalinus sepulchralis	a hoverfly	-1993
Eristalis arbustorum	a hoverfly	2004
Eristalis intricarius	a hoverfly	-1993
Eristalis nemorum	a hoverfly	-1993
Eristalis pertinax	a hoverfly	2004
Eristalis tenax	a hoverfly	2004
Euleia heraclei	a gall fly	1998
Eumerus tuberculatus	Lesser bulb-fly	2004
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Eupeodes corollae	a hoverfly	2004
Eupeodes luniger	a hoverfly	2004
Ferdinandea cuprea	a hoverfly	1998
Glyphotaelius pellucidus	a caddisfly	2004
Gymnocheta viridis	a parasitic fly	2004
Gymnosoma rotundatum	a parasitic fly	2004
Haematopota pluvialis	a horse fly	2004
Helina tetrastigma	a muscid fly	-1993
Helophilus pendulus	a hoverfly	2004
Hilara clypeata	a dance fly	-1993
Hydrotaea similis	a muscid fly	-1993
Leucozona lucorum	a hoverfly	-1993
Limnia unguicornis	a snail-killing fly	1998
Limonia tripunctata	a cranefly	2004
Lonchoptera lutea	a pointed-wing fly	-1993
Lydella stabulans	a parasitic fly	-1993
Machimus atricapillus	a robber fly	2004
Macrocera stigmoides	a fungus gnat	-1993
Melangyna cincta	a hoverfly	-1993
Melangyna labiatarum	a hoverfly	-1993
Melanomya nana	a fly	2004
Melanostoma mellinum	a hoverfly	2004
Melanostoma scalare	a hoverfly	-1993
Meligramma trianguliferum	Hoverfly	1990
Merodon equestris	Greater Bulb-fly	-1993
Minettia longipennis	a fly	2004
Myathropa florea	a hoverfly	2004
Neoitamus cyanurus	a robber fly	-1993
Odontomyia tigrina	a soldier fly	-1993
Orella falcata		1998
Pachygaster atra	a soldier fly	2004
Parasyrphus punctulatus	a hoverfly	-1993
Parhelophilus versicolor	a hoverfly	-1993
Phaonia palpata	a muscid fly	-1993
Phaonia rufipalpis	a muscid fly	-1993
Pherbellia cinerella	a snail-killing fly	1998
Physocephala rufipes	a fly	-1993
Phytomyza ilicis	Holly leaf- miner	2014
Pipiza luteitarsis	a hoverfly	1998
Pipizella varipes	a hoverfly	2004
Pipizella virens	a hoverfly	2004
Platycheirus albimanus	a hoverfly	2004
Platycheirus angustatus	a hoverfly	-1993

Platycheirus clypeatus agg.	a hoverfly	-1993
Platycheirus scutatus	a hoverfly	-1993
Platypalpus agilis	a dance fly	-1993
Prosena siberita	a parasitic fly	2004
Psila fimetaria	a fly	-1993
Rhamphomyia (Aclonempis) albohirta	a dance fly	-1993
Rhamphomyia (Pararhamphomyia) atra	a dance fly	2004
Rhamphomyia (Pararhamphomyia) tarsata	a dance fly	-1993
Sarcophaga carnaria	a flesh fly	2004
Sargus bipunctatus	a soldier fly	-1993
Scaeva pyrastri	a hoverfly	2004
Scaeva selenitica	a hoverfly	2004
Scathophaga furcata	a dung fly	-1993
Schwenckfeldina carbonaria	a fly	-1993
Sphaerophoria scripta	a hoverfly	2004
Suillia affinis	a fly	2004
Syritta pipiens	a hoverfly	2004
Syrphus ribesii	a hoverfly	2004
Syrphus torvus	a hoverfly	-1993
Syrphus vitripennis	a hoverfly	2004
Tachina fera	a parasitic fly	2004
Tetanocera elata	a snail-killing fly	-1993
Tipula (Lunatipula) fascipennis	a cranefly	2004
Tipula (Lunatipula) lunata	a cranefly	-1993
Tipula (Lunatipula) vernalis	a cranefly	2004
Tricholauxania praeusta	a fly	2004
Trixa caerulescens	a parasitic fly	-1993
Trixa conspersa	a parasitic fly	-1993
Volucella bombylans	a hoverfly	2004
Volucella inanis	a hoverfly	-1993
Volucella pellucens	a hoverfly	-1993
Volucella zonaria	a hoverfly	-1993
Xanthandrus comtus	a hoverfly	-1993
Xanthogramma citrofasciatum	a hoverfly	1998
Xanthogramma pedissequum	a hoverfly	2004
Xylota xanthocnema	a hoverfly	-1993

Hemiptera (True bugs)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale	Hawthorn Shieldbug	2004
Adarrus ocellaris	a leafhopper	2004
Adelphocoris lineolatus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Aelia acuminata	a shield bug	2004

Alebra albostriella	a leafhopper	2004
Alloeotomus gothicus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Allygus mixtus	a leafhopper	2004
Amblytylus nasutus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Anthocoris confusus	a flower bug or bloodsucking b	2004
Anthocoris nemoralis	a flower bug or bloodsucking b	2004
Anthocoris nemorum	Common Flower Bug	2004
Aphrodes makarovi	a leafhopper	2004
Aphrophora alni	a froghopper	2004
Aptus mirmicoides	a damsel bug	1993
Aradus depressus	a flat bark bug	2004
Atractotomus mali	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Berytinus hirticornis	a stiltbug	2004
Berytinus minor	a stiltbug	2004
Blepharidopterus angulatus	Black-kneed Apple Capsid	2004
Calocoris norvegicus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Calocoris quadripunctatus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Calocoris stysi	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Campyloneura virgula	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Capsus ater	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Centrotus cornutus	Tree Hopper	1993
Cercopis vulnerata	a froghopper	2004
Charagochilus gyllenhali	a plantbug or grassbug	1955
Chilacis typhae	a ground bug	1993
Coreus marginatus	a dock bug	2004
Cyllecoris histrionicus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Cymus melanocephalus	a stiltbug	1993
Deraeocoris lutescens	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Deraeocoris olivaceus	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Deraeocoris ruber	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Dicranocephalus medius	a spurgebug	2004
Dicranotropis hamata	a planthopper	2004
Dicyphus epilobii	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Dolycoris baccarum	a shield bug/sloe bug	2004
Drymus sylvaticus	a ground bug	1993
Dryophilocoris flavoquadrimaculatus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Elasmostethus interstinctus	a shield bug	1993
Elasmostethus tristriatus	Juniper Shieldbug	2004
Elasmucha grisea	Parent Bug	2004
Eurydema oleracea	a shield bug	2004
Eurygaster testudinaria	a shield bug	2004
Euscelis incisus	a leafhopper	2004
Eysarcoris fabricii	a shield bug	1993

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Orthocephalus coriaceus	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Orthops campestris	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Orthops cervinus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Orthotylus flavosparsus	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Orthotylus marginalis	Dark Green Apple Capsid	1993
Orthotylus prasinus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Orthotylus viridinervis	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Palomena prasina	a shield bug	2004
Pentatoma rufipes	Forest Bug	2010
Philaenus spumarius	Cuckoo-spit Insect	2004
Phoenicocoris obscurellus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Phylus melanocephalus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Phylus palliceps	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Phytocoris dimidiatus	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Phytocoris tiliae	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Phytocoris varipes	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Piezodorus lituratus	Gorse Shieldbug	1993
Pilophorus perplexus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Plagiognathus albipennis	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Plagiognathus arbustorum	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Plagiognathus chrysanthemi	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Plesiodema pinetellum	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Podops inuncta	a shield bug/turtle bug	2004
Psallus albicinctus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Psallus ambiguus	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Psallus confusus	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Psallus falleni	a plantbug or grassbug	1993
Psallus perrisi	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Psallus varians	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Psallus wagneri	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Psammotettix confinis	a leafhopper	2004
Rhopalus subrufus	a bug	2004
Scolopostethus grandis	a ground bug	2004
Scolopostethus thomsoni	a ground bug	1993
Sehirus bicolor	Pied Shieldbug	1993
Stenodema calcaratum	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Stenodema laevigatum	a plantbug or grassbug	2004
Stenotus binotatus	Timothy Grassbug	2004
Stictopleurus abutilon	a bug	2004
Stygnocoris rusticus	a ground bug	2004
Tachycixius pilosus	a lacehopper	2004
Tetraphleps bicuspis	a flower bug or bloodsucking b	1993
Tingis ampliata	Creeping Thistle Lacebug	1993

Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
A de a d'a company de la compa		recorded
Aglaostigma aucupariae	a sawfly	2004
Aglaostigma fulvipes	a sawfly	-1993
Ametastegia equiseti	a sawfly	1998
Ancistrocerus gazella	a potter wasp or mason wasp	2004
Andrena dorsata	a solitary bee	2004
Andrena flavipes	Yellow Legged Mining Bee	1998
Andrena fulva	Tawny Mining Bee	1998
Andrena haemorrhoa	Early Mining Bee	2004
Andrena labiata	Girdled Mining Bee	1998
Andrena minutula	a solitary bee	-1993
Andrena pubescens	a solitary bee	2004
Andrena saundersella	a solitary bee	2004
Andrena scotica	a solitary bee	2004
Andrena synadelpha	a solitary bee	2004
Andrena tibialis	a solitary bee	1998
Anthophora plumipes	Hairy Footed Flower Bee	2004
Apis mellifera	Honey Bee	2004
Arge cyanocrocea	a sawfly	2004
Athalia cordata	a sawfly	1998
Athalia glabricollis	a sawfly	1998
Athalia rosae	a sawfly	2004
Blennocampa pusilla	a sawfly	1998
Bombus hortorum	Small Garden Bumble Bee	2004
Bombus lapidarius	Large Red Tailed Bumble Bee	2004
Bombus lucorum	White-tailed Bumble Bee	2004
Bombus pascuorum	Common Carder Bee	2004
Bombus pratorum	Early Bumble Bee	2004
Bombus terrestris	Buff-tailed Bumble Bee	2004
Cephus cultratus	a sawfly	2004
Cerceris arenaria	Sand Tailed Digger Wasp	2004
Cerceris rybyensis	Ornate Tailed Digger Wasp	2004
Chelostoma	Harebell Carpenter Bee	-1993
campanularum	·	
Coelioxys elongata	a solitary bee	2004
Colletes hederae	Ivy bee	2012
Crossocerus annulipes	a solitary wasp	-1993
Crossocerus	4-spotted Digger Wasp	-1993
quadrimaculatus		
Dolerus gonager	a sawfly	2004
Dolerus liogaster	a sawfly	2004
Dolerus nigratus	a sawfly	-1993

Ectemnius cavifrons	a solitary wasp	-1993
Ectemnius lituratus	a solitary wasp	2004
Entomognathus brevis	a solitary wasp	-1993
Formica cunicularia	an ant	1993
Gorytes bicinctus	a solitary wasp	1993
Halictus tumulorum	a solitary bee	2004
Halidamia affinis	a sawfly	1998
Hedychrum niemelai	a rubytail wasp	2004
Hoplocampa crataegi	a sawfly	2004
Hoplocampa pectoralis	a sawfly	2004
Hylaeus annularis	a solitary bee	-1993
Hylaeus brevicornis	Short Horned Yellow-face Bee	-1993
Hylaeus communis	Common Yellow Face Bee	2004
Hylaeus cornutus	a solitary bee	-1993
Hylaeus hyalinatus	a solitary bee	2004
Lasioglossum calceatum	Slender Mining Bee	2004
Lasioglossum laevigatum	a solitary bee	-1993
Lasioglossum leucopum	a solitary bee	-1993
Lasioglossum leucozonium	a solitary bee	2004
Lasioglossum malachurus	a solitary bee	2004
Lasioglossum morio	Brassy Mining Bee	2004
Lasius brunneus	Brown Ant	2004
Lasius flavus	Yellow Meadow Ant	2004
Lasius niger	Small Black Ant	2004
Leptothorax nylanderi	an ant	1998
Lindenius albilabris	a solitary wasp	2004
Lindenius panzeri	a solitary wasp	2004
Macrophya punctumalbum	a sawfly	-1993
Megachile willughbiella	Willughby's Leaf-cutter Bee	-1993
Melecta albifrons	a nomad or mason bee	2004
Melitta tricincta	a solitary bee	2004
Mellinus arvensis	Field Digger Wasp	-1993
Mesoneura opaca	a sawfly	-1993
Myrmica rubra	Red Ant	2004
Myrmica ruginodis	an ant	2004
Myrmica scabrinodis	an ant	2004
Nomada fabriciana	Fabricius' Nomad Bee	1998
Nomada flava	a nomad or mason bee	2004
Nomada flavoguttata	a nomad or mason bee	-1993
Nomada fucata	a nomad or mason bee	2004
Nomada marshamella	Marsham's Nomad Bee	2004
Nomada panzeri	a nomad or mason bee	2004
Nomada ruficornis	Red-horned Nomad Bee	2004
Osmia coerulescens	Blue Mason Bee	1998

Osmia rufa	Red Mason Bee	2004
Pachyprotasis rapae	a sawfly	-1993
Pemphredon lugubris	Mournful Wasp	-1993
Pemphredon morio	a solitary wasp	-1993
Philanthus triangulum	Bee Wolf	2004
Priophorus pallipes	a sawfly	1998
Priophorus rufipes	a sawfly	1998
Priophorus ulmi	a sawfly	1998
Rhadinoceraea micans	a sawfly	2004
Selandria serva	a sawfly	-1993
Sphecodes monilicornis	a solitary bee	2004
Stenamma westwoodi	Westwood's Ant	1998
Tenthredo atra	a sawfly	-1993
Tenthredopsis litterata	a sawfly	-1993
Tenthredopsis nassata	a sawfly	1998
Tiphia femorata	a solitary wasp	-1993
Trypoxylon clavicerum	Club Horned Wood Borer Wasp	-1993
Trypoxylon medium	a solitary wasp	-1993
Vespula germanica	German Wasp	2004
Vespula vulgaris	Common Wasp	2004

Molluscs

Scientific name	Common name	Date last recorded
Acanthinula aculeata	a grass snail	1993
Aegopinella nitidula	a glass snail	1993
Arion ater	Great Black Slug	1993
Arion circumscriptus	a roundback slug	1993
agg. Arion distinctus	Common Garden Slug	1993
Arion hortensis	Southern Garden Slug	1993
Arion intermedius	Hedgehog Slug	1993
Arion subfuscus	Dusky Slug	1993
Candidula intersecta	a snail	1993
Carychium tridentatum	a hollow-shelled snail	1993
Ceciliodes acicula	a blind snail	1993
Cepaea hortensis	a snail	1993
Cepaea nemoralis	Brown Lipped Snail	2013
Clausilia bidentata	a door snail	1993
Cochlicopa lubrica	a moss snail	1993
Deroceras caruanae	Chestnut Slug	1993
Deroceras reticulatum	Netted Slug	1993
Discus rotundatus	a discus snail	1993
Ena obscura	a bulin snail	1993

Helix aspersa	a snail	1993
Lauria cylindracea	a moss snail	1993
Limacus maculatus	Green or Irish slug	2014
Limax marginatus	Tree Slug	1993
Limax maximus	Great Grey Slug	1993
Lymnaea peregra	Wandering Snail	1993
Lymnaea stagnalis	Great Pond Snail	1993
Milax budapestensis	Budapest Slug	1993
Milax sowerbyi	Sowerby's Slug	1993
Monacha cantiana	a snail	1993
Nesovitrea hammonis	a glass snail	1993
Oxychilus alliarius	Garlic Snail	1993
Oxychilus cellarius	a glass snail	1993
Oxychilus draparnaudi	a glass snail	1993
Oxychilus helveticus	a glass snail	1993
Oxyloma elegans	Pfeiffer's amber snail	2014
Physa heterostropha	a bladder snail	1993
Pisidium personatum	a pea mussel	1993
Planorbarius corneus	Great Ramshorn Snail	1993
Planorbis planorbis	a ramshorn snail	2014
Punctum pygmaeum	a discus snail	1993
Sphaerium corneum	an orb mussel	1993
Sphaerium lacustre	an orb mussel	1993
Trichia hispida	Hairy Snail	1993
Trichia striolata	a snail	1993
Vallonia excentrica	a grass snail	1993
Vitrina pellucida	a glass snail	1993
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Orthoptera (Grasshoppers and Crickets)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Chorthippus brunneus	Common Field Grasshopper	1993
Chorthippus parallelus	Meadow Grasshopper	2004
Conocephalus discolor	Long-winged Conehead	2004
Leptophyes punctatissima	Speckled Bush Cricket	2004
Meconema meridionale	Southern oak bush cricket	2013
Meconema thalassinum	Oak Bush Cricket	2004
Metrioptera roeselii	Roesel's Bush Cricket	2004
Pholidoptera griseoaptera	Dark Bush Cricket	2004

Odonata (Dragonflies and Damselflies)

Scientific name	Common name	Date last recorded
Aeshna cyanea	Southern Hawker	1993
Aeshna grandis	Brown Hawker	1993
Aeshna mixta	Migrant Hawker	1993
Anax imperator	Emperor Dragonfly	1993
Coenagrion puella	Azure Damselfly	1993
Ischnura elegans	Blue-tailed Damselfly	1993
Lestes sponsa	Emerald Damselfly	1993
Libellula depressa	Broad-bodied Chaser	1993
Orthetrum cancellatum	Black-tailed Skimmer	1993
Sympetrum sanguineum	Ruddy Darter	1993
Sympetrum striolatum	Common Darter	1993

Other invertebrates

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Forficula	Common	2004
auricularia	Earwig	
Armadillidium	Common Pill	1993
vulgare	Woodlouse	
Oniscus asellus	a woodlouse	1993
Philoscia	a woodlouse	1993
muscorum		
Platyarthrus	a woodlouse	1993
hoffmannseggi		
Porcellio scaber	a woodlouse	1993
Trichoniscus	a woodlouse	1993
pusillus		
Panorpa germanica	a scorpion fly	2004
Chrysopa carnea	a green	2004
	lacewing	
Hemerobius	a brown	2004
humulinus	lacewing	
Hemerobius	a brown	2004
lutescens	lacewing	
Hemerobius	a brown	2004
micans	lacewing	
Hemerobius stigma	a brown	2004
	lacewing	
Micromus	a brown	2004
variegatus	lacewing	
Wesmaelius	a brown	1993
nervosus	lacewing	

Plant Galls

Scientific name	English name	Last date recorded
Aceria frax inivora	Rust gall	2013
Andricus aries	Ram's-horn gall	2010
Andricus fecundator	Artichoke Gall	-1993
Andricus grossulariae	Hedgehog and blackcurrant gall	
Andricus kollari	Marble Gall	-1993
Andricus lucidus	Hedgehog gall	
Andricus quercuscalicis	Knopper Gall	-1993
Biorhiza pallida	Oak Apple	-1993
Cynips longiventris	Striped pea gall	2012
Cynips quercusfolii	Cherry Gall	-1993
Dasyneura urticae	Nettle blister gall	2012
Diplolepis rosae	Robin's Pin-cushion Gall	-1993
Eriophyes pritnzspznosa		2010
Eriophyes similis	Pimple gall	2013
Eriosoma lanuginosum	Elm bladder gall	2013
Jaapiella veronicae	a gall midge	-1993
Neuroterus numismalis	Silk-button Spangle Gall	-1993
Neuroterus quercusbaccarum	Common Spangle Gall	-1993
Orellia falcata	a gall fly	1998
Oxyna parietina	a gall fly	2004
Pseudomonas syringae pv. Savastanoi	Canker	2013
Psylla buxi	Box sucker	2013
Taphrina pruni	Pocket plum	2014
Taxomyia taxi	a gall midge	-1993
Tephritis neesi	a gall fly	2004
Tephritis vespertina	a gall fly	-1993
Urophora cardui	Thistle gall	2004
Urophora jaceana	Fruit fly	2013

Reptile and Amphibians

Scientific name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Anguis fragilis	Slow-worm	2012
Bufo bufo	Common Toad	-1993
Zootoca	Viviparous Lizard	-1993
vivipara		
Rana	Common Frog	-1993
temporaria		
Triturus	Great Crested	2021
cristatus	Newt	
Triturus vulgaris	Smooth Newt	-1993
Natrix natrix	Grass Snake	2012

Mammals

Scientfici name	Common name	Date last
		recorded
Apodemus sylvaticus	Wood Mouse	-1993
Clethrionomys glareolus	Bank Vole	-1993
Erinaceus europaeus	Hedgehog	-1993
Mustela nivalis	Weasel	2020
Nyctalus leiseri	Leisler's bat	2012
Nyctalus noctula	Noctule	-1993
Oryctolagus cuniculus	Rabbit	-1949
Pipistrellus pipistrellus	Common Pipistrelle	2015
Pipistrellus pygmaeus	Soprano Pipistrelle	2015
Plecotus auritus	Brown Long-eared	2015
	bat	
Sciurus carolinensis	Grey Squirrel	1993
Talpa europaea	Mole	1993
Vulpes vulpes	Fox	-1993

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Head of Service: Brendan Bradley, Head of Finance

Wards affected: Nonsuch Ward;

Appendices (attached): 1 – 2022/23 Forecast and 2023/24 Proposed

Budget

Summary

This report provides a forecast for 2022/23 and seeks the Joint Management Committee's approval of both the 2023/24 budget and the recommended contributions to be sought from the constituent authorities.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the latest 2022/23 forecast position;
- (2) Agree the revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1;
- (3) Agree to seek contributions of £113,040 from both Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton for the financial year 2023/24.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 To make the JMC aware of the current financial position for 2022/23 and to agree a budget for 2023/24.

2 Background

2.1 This report provides the latest estimate of income and expenditure for the current financial year 2022/23 and a recommended budget for 2023/24.

3 Forecast for 2022/23

- 3.1 The latest forecast of expenditure and income for the current year is shown at Appendix 1, which is the standard accounts format for NJMC.
- 3.2 The forecast at Q3 shows a projected deficit of £2,453. The main variances to budget are explained in the following paragraphs.

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- 3.3 Council tax for London Road Lodge is £6,787 over budget, as we await lease completion by the new tenant. Until the letting is complete, the JMC retains liability for council tax. This lease is expected to be signed in 2023. The first nine months will be rent free and thereafter £3,500 per quarter for the next year.
- 3.4 One-off legal costs of £10,000 are anticipated to finalise the lease agreement for London Road Lodge.
- 3.5 Electricity costs are over budget by £8,851 which have been caused by global energy price increases. 59% of the increase will be recharged to the Mansion House tenant.
- Based on the latest forecast, at year-end the working balance will change from £79,180 to £76,727 to cover the forecast deficit of £2,453. The Repair and Renewals balance is forecast to increase from £14,101 to £21,361 due to the in-year budgeted contribution to this reserve.

4 Budget for 2023/24

- 4.1 The estimates for 2023/24 are also attached in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 Net expenditure for 2023/24 is budgeted at £226,080 which represents an increase of £12,800 on the 2022/23 budget and is summarised in the following table:

2023/24 Budget	£'000
Grounds	112
Mansion House	174
Staffing and central expenses	185
Less: Rent and other income	(244)
Net Expenditure	226
Contributions from LBS/EEBC	(226)
Budget Surplus/Deficit	0

- 4.3 The 2023/24 budget has been prepared using the following assumptions:
- 4.4 General operational costs of maintaining and managing Nonsuch Park, including staffing recharges have been increased with inflation where appropriate.

- 4.5 The provision for projects has been maintained at £3,000, this budget is provided to support any capital bids or project work. Apart from this £3,000, the budget does not include provision for one-off workstreams that are over and above the standard support provided to the JMC. Should any additional workstreams be agreed in future, the budget implication will need to be considered at the time.
- 4.6 A contribution to the repair and renewals fund of £8,690 has been budgeted in order to replenish this fund over time.
- 4.7 Utility costs have been budgeted to increase by 100%, with 59% of the increased costs at Mansion House expected to be rechargeable to the tenant.

Contributions

4.8 The budget estimates for next year show a balanced budget, after 6% increases in the precepts to £113,040 from each Council. These increases are subject to confirmation by both Councils.

Working Balances/Reserves

- 4.9 The working balance at 31 March 2023 is forecast to due to change from £79,180 to £76,727.
- 4.10 The Repair and Renewals fund at 31 March 2023 is forecast to increase from £14,101 to £21,361.

5 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 5.1 Impact Assessment
- 5.2 The principal risks that the JMC manages are as follows:
 - 5.2.1 Funding for repairs and maintenance, particularly at buildings and for potholes on roads.
 - 5.2.2 Vacant properties / loss of rent
 - 5.2.3 Lack of resource to fund management plan
 - 5.2.4 The JMC mitigates these risks through the monitoring of buildings and roads by officers, and by managing relationships with tenants. The JMC also holds a working balance and a repairs and renewals reserve, which can be used to fund one-off, unexpected budget variances.
- 5.3 Crime & Disorder

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- 5.3.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 5.4 Safeguarding
 - 5.4.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 5.5 Dependencies
 - 5.5.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 5.6 Other
 - 5.6.1 None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The working balance at 31 March 2023 is forecast to £76,727. The working balance is an essential reserve for the JMC to meet any unbudgeted or unforeseen expenditure items.
- 6.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: Financial implications are set-out in the body of the report. The forecast deficit in 2022/23 is principally due to increased electricity costs, council tax and one-off costs to complete the lease at London Road Lodge. Officers will continue to monitor the budget and the next scheduled finance update to the JMC will be the final accounts for 2022/23 in June 2023.

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- **7.2 Legal Officer's comments**: None arising from the contents of this report.

8 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 8.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged: Effective Council, Green & Vibrant.
- 8.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 8.3 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None.
- 8.4 Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications: None.
- 8.5 **Partnerships**: London Borough of Sutton and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have shared responsibility for managing Nonsuch Park.

9 Background papers

9.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

 Nonsuch Park Joint management committee Final Accounts 2021/22, 20 June 2022

Other papers:

None.

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NONOCOTT ARRESTMENT - 2022-23								
2021/22 Actual		2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual	2022/23 Forecast	2022/23 Forecast Variance	2023/24 Proposed Budget	Budget Change	
£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	
	Grounds							
804	Maintenance of grounds	804	22	540	-264	830	26	
500	Plants seeds & fertlisers etc.	503	1,624	500	-3	520	17	
3,317	Emptying bins	3,417	0	3,420	3	3,520	103	
27,505	Maintenance of roads	18,560	12,272	18,560	0	19,120	560	
4,410	Purchase of plants	4,663	810	3,810	-853	4,000	-663	
13,120	Tree Maintenance contract scheduled w	13,120	0	13,120	0	15,900	2,780	
0	Asbestos Surveys	1,136	0	660	-476	680	-456	
5,796	Engineering and fabric recharge	7,625	4,600	6,900	-725	7,770	145	
2,946	Building and M&E maintenance works	1,065	12,856	12,860	11,795	1,090	25	
2,667	Electricity	2,382	710	1,670	-712	4,760	2,378	
115	Gas	1,447	54	110	-1,337	250	-1,197	
1,942	Water charges - metered	5,286	552	3,590	-1,696	3,700	-1,586	
11,431	Council Tax for London Road Lodge	5,550	12,337	12,337	6,787	2,780	-2,770	
age 1	Cleaning contract recharges	3,180	1,942	2,350	-830	2,650	-530	
1,7123	Petrol diesel & oil	1,130	4,348	1,660	530	1,760	630	
2,250	Transport insurance	1,960	1,982	1,982	22	2,060	100	
44	OP. equipment & tools : Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	
320	OP. equipment & tools : R & M	1,558	0	0	-1,558	1,600	42	
4,575	Hire of Bins	4,050	0	4,580	530	4,900	850	
7,056	Purchase of memorials e.g benches tree	3,628	2,258	2,473	-1,155	3,500	-128	
0	Publicity	0	328	328	328	0	0	
0	General office expenses	211	229	230	19	0	-211	
23,417	Transport fleet SLA NJMC	24,147	0	24,147	0	26,590	2,443	
2,041	Insurance recharges	2,140	2,411	2,411	271	2,480	340	
116,220	Sub-Total	107,562	59,334	118,238	10,676	110,459	2,897	

2021/22 Actual		2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual	2022/23 Forecast	2022/23 Forecast Variance	2023/24 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Mansion House	-					
0	Vandalism repairs	201	0	201	0	210	9
0	Asbestos Surveys	452	0	900	448	450	-2
16,447	Engineer and fabric	12,191	13,487	18,550	6,359	20,900	8,709
97,817	Building and M&E maintenance works	79,400	11,612	52,702	-26,698	84,160	4,760
13,992	Electricity	11,084	8,603	20,647	9,563	22,170	11,086
6,561	Gas	4,140	1,666	2,860	-1,280	6,210	2,070
2,090	Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,717	Cleaning Contract recharges	9,910	7,307	11,262	1,352	11,160	1,250
18,099	Commercial tenanted property insurance	18,500	20,855	20,855	2,355	21,000	2,500
6,362	Insurance recharges	6,682	7,527	7,530	848	7,750	1,068
176,085	Sub-Total	142,560	71,058	135,507	-7,053	174,010	31,450
	Central Expenses						
26,000	Additional pension contribs	26,000	0	26,000	0	26,000	0
Pag	Clothing & uniforms	151	0	150	-1	160	9
e 0	Legal Expenses	0	1,287	1,287		0	0
78	General office expenses	804	0	804	0	1,060	256
1,311	Commercial tenanted property insurance	1,400	1,507	1,507	107	1,550	150
0	Projects budget	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000	0
905	External Audit	935	0	935	0	960	25
0	Property Agency Fees	0	2,119	10,000	10,000	0	0
1,006	Insurance recharges	1,055	1,188	1,188	133	1,230	175
523	Internal audit recharges	523	0	523	0	540	17
103,064	Grounds Maintenance Staff Recharge	106,254	0	106,254	0	106,250	-4
34,789	Management costs SLA recharge	35,869	0	35,869	0	35,870	1
-23,097	Contribution to/(from) NJMC R&R fund	7,260	0	7,260	0	8,690	1,430
144,501	Sub-total	183,251	6,101	194,777	10,239	185,309	2,058
436,806	Gross Expenditure	433,373	136,493	448,522	13,862	469,779	36,406

2021/22 Actual		2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual	2022/23 Forecast	2022/23 Forecast Variance	2023/24 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
£	<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
0	Friends of Nonsuch contribution	0	-1500	-1500	-1500	0	0
0	Hire charges - Surrey School	0	-50	-50	-50	0	0
-150	Miscellaneous income	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Filming Income	-2,000	-1,900	-1,900	100	-2,000	0
-9,747	Memorial receipts	-3,610	-3,533	-3,630	-20	-3,500	110
0	London Road Lodge/Ewell lodge	0	0	0	0	-3,500	-3,500
-18,099	Mansion House insurance recovered	-18,500	0	-20,855	-2,355	-21,000	-2,500
-102,240	Mansion House - Bovingdons letting	-106,700	-89,500	-106,700	0	-106,700	0
-27,437	Mansion House - Service charges variat	-19,000	-14,039	-23,922	-4,922	-26,000	-7,000
-5,460	Mansion House - Service charges fixed	-5,460	-5,463	-5,463	-3	-6,150	-690
-2,354	Old Boathouse - Licence to occupy	-2,200	-1,962	-2,350	-150	-2,350	-150
-2,754	Nursery Lodge insurance recovered	-1,400	-862	-1,507	-107	-1,550	-150
-1,410	NJMC service charges (Nursery lodge)	-1,360	-1,931	-1,931	-571	-1,410	-50
-9,525	Events & Fitness Groups Hire charges	-8,250	-9,969	-10,000	-1,750	-13,000	-4,750
-92715	Staff property rent- Castlemaine and Sparrow Farm lodges	-9,720	-6,477	-9,716	4	-9,720	0
-20,000	Nursery Lodge rental income	-20,000	-15,500	-21,000	-1,000	-22,000	-2,000
-10,740	Mansion House Flat 1 Rent	-10,740	-8,055	-11,635	-895	-11,638	-898
-5,473	Mansion House Flat 3 Rent	-9,180	0	-9,180	0	-9,180	0
-401	Interest on balances	-1,980	0	-3,000	-1,020	-4,000	-2,020
- 4,441	Contribution to/from reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
-229,946	Gross Income	-220,100	-159,191	-232,789	-12,689	-243,698	-23,598
206,860	Net Expenditure	213,273	-22,698	215,733	1,173	226,081	12,808
	Precepts:						
-103,430	Precept to be levied on EEBC	-106,640	-106,640	-106,640	0	-113,040	-6,400
-103,430	Precept to be levied on LB Sutton	-106,640	-106,640	-106,640	0	-113,040	-6,400
- 206,860	Total Precepts	- 213,280	-213,280	-213,280	0	- 226,081	- 12,801
0	Surplus (-) / Deficit in Year	0		2,453	1,173	-0	7
83,621	Balance b/fwd. 1 April	79,180		79,180			
4,441	Add (surplus)/deficit for the year			2,453			
79,180	Balance c/fwd. 31 March	79,180		76,727			
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