

REPORT OF THE WOODLAND OFFICER

SUBJECT: PCNPA WOODLAND ESTATE UPDATE

The separate woodland sites that make up the 285ha (700acre) PCNPA woodland estate are detailed in the attached table (Appendix 1).

All sites in the north that fall under the remit of the Woodland Officer have a current management plan which identifies the sites special features and outlines actions that should be undertaken to improve site condition (biodiversity). Where sites have been planted with conifers restoration through the removal of conifers is either completed or well underway.

Current action plans and work programmes have been developed based on work identified in the management plans. All of the north sites apart from Sychpant, Penlan and Tycanol are being managed under current Forestry Commission Better Woodland for Wales (BWW) grant schemes, these run until 2014/15 when Glastir woodland management schemes should be available.

The Woodland Team have been involved in management at Tycanol this year for the first time, as woodland management has been reinstated after a number of years since any felling took place.

Access for management is still an issue for some of the areas (Pengegin and parts of Allt Pontfaen), as this usually involves steep slopes and access over other peoples land. Sometimes felling to waste is the only option, other times we are able to negotiate access.

Allt Clyn, Coed Pentre Ifan and Penlan have been successfully restored, though a few conifers remain. Planting or natural regeneration is helping woodland to return to the slopes in Allt Clyn (5 ha) and Penlan (25 ha) following conifer removal. Whilst in the important wood pasture areas (Sychpant and Tycanol) we are felling trees to maintain more open conditions (wood pasture) to favour lichens and dormice.

If Members would like to know more, a site visit or HQ presentation can be arranged.

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Name of site	Area (ha)	Sheet number	Field no	Area (ha)	Ownership	Significance
*Garn Wood	6.02	SM9935	5713	6.02	Tenancy	SAC, Ancient Semi Natural Woodland and Site of Special Scientific Interest, Tunbridge Filmy Fern / lichens.
Cilrhedyn Wood	3.79	SN0034	0183	3.79	Owned	Demonstration wood. Forest school site
Clyn Wood	14.78 (30.58)	SN0134	Part 0328	14.78	Owned	Ancient Woodland Site, conifer removed 2005, old mine workings, bats and dormice. Car park, Picnic site.
*Kilkiffeth Wood	15.8 (30.58)	SN0134	Part 0328	15.8	Owned	SAC, Site of Special Scientific Interest/Ancient Semi Natural Woodland. Dormice, lichens, archaeological interest.
*Allt Pontfaen Woodland Group	49.1	SN0134 SN0434 SN0234 SN0134 SN0134	0328 2030 3135 5737 9234	30.58 10.69 4.27 2.69 0.87	Managed under informal agreement	SAC Ancient Semi Natural Woodland and Site of Special Scientific Interest/ lichens/dormice. Carpark (under separate lease)
Allt Pengegin Isaf	6.0	SN0334	1903	6.0	Owned	Ancient Woodland Site still undergoing restoration (conifers). Archaeological interest (earthworks). Forest school site
*Sychpant	8.63	SN0435	4811	8.63	Owned	SAC Ancient Semi Natural Woodland, Site of Special Scientific Interest, Wood pasture (grazed), lichens, invertebrate interest (butterflies), dormice.

Car park, Picnic site. Toilet block owned by PCC

Name of site	Area (ha)	Sheet number	Field no	Area (ha)	Ownership	Significance
Penlan	70.47	SN0435	6092 9577 4749	45.10 13.17 12.20	Owned	Restored conifer plantation near Newport. Heathland and native woodland developing, site grazed.
Coed Pentre Ifan	34.18	SN0937	3283	33.66	Owned	Ancient Woodland- site restoration ongoing. Adjacent Ty Canol NNR. Archaeological interest, dormice. Education interest (Adjacent Urdd, Canolfan Pentre Ifan)
*Ty Canol	68.46				Owned Managed by CCW	SAC Ancient Semi Natural woodland, National Nature Reserve. Lichens, dormice, archaeological interest. Site grazed. Management advice and practical input from PCNPA
Prendergast (Solva)	6				Owned	Community woodland. Secondary woodland, Landscape importance
Saundersfoot Plantation	1.3				Owned	Tree Preservation Order. Community woodland. Plantation on old mine workings built-up area.
Dungeon Wood Saundersfoot	0.5				Owned	No access. Landscape feature.
Total Area	285.03					

* Part of North Pembrokeshire Woodlands Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Notes;

Freshwater East has an element of woodland but this has not been counted separately, it is considered part of the dune system (dune woodland) and is not included here although woodland management work is undertaken there.

All sites have public access, some permissive routes have also been developed unless otherwise indicated

