

Caring for the Woodland and its Wildlife

Queenswood is made up of a central **Arboretum** containing trees from around the world, surrounded by woodlands which are **ancient, semi-natural woodland** and are designated as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**.



Creating wide rides by removing trees each side of the woodland paths is one of the ways we create a more open woodland which allows wildlife to thrive.

The woodlands are managed by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust using traditional, sustainable management techniques including **coppicing, ride widening, thinning** and the creation of open **glades** within the wood.

This work takes place during the winter when you will see trees being removed, often using large felling vehicles, and taken to the yard to be sold as timber or chopped for firewood.

All the money raised is then spent on continued management of the site.

Woodland wildlife relies on the more open, diverse structure this work creates as it allows light to reach the woodland floor. This encourages wildflowers to flourish and, in turn, this increases the numbers of bees and butterflies and so many other species of wonderful woodland wildlife!