

Planned Management Work for 2011/2012

Woodland Management.

As part of the University's Ecological Management Plan (Wardell Armstrong 2002). The following will be taking place in 2011/2012

Bramble and Scrub clearance. (Founder's woodland).

Continued control of bramble will take place during 2011/2012. This will be undertaken predominantly in the Canada copse area of Founder's woodland and the banks around the main pond.

Objectives:

- To clear areas where bramble is taking over to the detriment of other ground flora and immature trees.
- To increase ground flora diversity.
- To maintain some areas of bramble as habitat for birds and as a food source for insects.
- To retain glades within the woodland.

Founder's Ponds.

During the autumn months the smaller secondary pond will have 1/3 of the aquatic vegetation removed to help maintain water flow and prevent the current choking of the pond.

Planting of Native trees.

An ongoing programme of planting native trees - Ash, Hornbeam, Oak, Hawthorne and birch, will continue in 2011/2012. This will be predominantly in the newly cleared area near Jane Holloway Hall.

Wildflower Areas.

In accordance with the University's ecological management plan the main wildflower meadow is being cut in late March and then again in late autumn to help reduce the competition of grasses and encourage wildflowers to flourish.

Arts Building

The wildflower areas around the Arts building will continue to be managed for the development of wildflowers. These areas will be cut in autumn to allow wildflowers to set seed. The areas will be mown in March to help reduce the competition of grasses and allow wildflowers to develop.

Control of Japanese knot weed.

Japanese knot weed is present in several areas in the main woodland area on campus. During 2011/2012 this will continue to be treated with herbicide by our weed control contractor to halt this spreading further into the woodland.