



Press Release

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EXCITING TIMES IN GRIN LOW

Buxton Civic Association have been working with the RSPB and Forestry Commission for the past year to develop a plan to improve the bio diversity of Grin Woods. The first phase of this plan is ready to be implemented.

The plan is designed to create more open spaces within the woods and to creating a graduated pattern of vegetation at the margin of the woods.

The plan involves three elements;

- To improve a woodland ride. A 'Ride' is a woodland corridor often an existing track with graduated fringes from grassland through to a shrub margin. Increased light and warmth to the woodland floor improves habitat for wildflowers, invertebrates small mammals and birds. It also creates ideal bat and bird of prey hunting areas.
- Reducing encroaching sycamore beech and ash from the woodland glade fringes. This will improve biodiversity in these regionally and nationally important Limestone wildflower habitats.
- To create a graduated woodland fringe to improve the diversity of tree and shrub species through selective replanting and improve natural regeneration.

In addition we are building and siting another twenty nest boxes to support and encourage woodland species such as the pied fly catcher.

The end result will be to increase the numbers of species both of birds and plants and to make the woods an even more attractive habitat. With pressure on the environment from global warming and the potential impact of Ash die back it is important that as the woods reach maturity we manage them in an effective manner.

To do this we will need to cut down and thin out some of the trees within a limited area of the woods. This has been agreed with the Forestry Commission and Natural England.

WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE

Over the next few weekends felling will commence in the woods. Though we are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum you may hear the sound of chain saws coming from the woods, and of course access will be restricted in certain places.

During forestry operations at weekends in March please observe warning notices, be aware of moving vehicles in the wood and do not enter taped off areas even if you don't hear chainsaws. Please keep dogs on a lead at all times.





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The work will enhance the SSSI status of Grin Low wood and provide an even more valuable place for the people of Buxton to walk and enjoy the natural world.

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Notes for editors;

Buxton Civic Association is a charity that aims to make Buxton an even better place for locals and visitors to live in and visit. We aim to promote civic pride and to help make people to proud of the place that they live in. As well as owning and running Poole's Cavern we own and manage 160 acres of woodlands that surround Buxton.

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