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Planned tree and scrub felling on Puttenham Common



Why are we felling trees?

As part of our 100 year vision for nature restoration, we are in the process of removing encroaching young pioneer trees and scrub in certain places to restore heather habitats, create new areas of wood pasture and to rewet precious boggy mires across Puttenham Common.

Rewetting the boggy mires by felling trees and scrub increases Puttenham Common's climate resilience, creating a natural wildfire barrier and protecting a rare habitat. Creating new wood pasture will create benefits for epiphytic lichens, saproxylic invertebrates and other species such as Glow Worm and Nightingale.

The timber removed from these operations will be utilised in sustainable energy production.

Right trees in the right places

At Hampton Estate, we are focused on ensuring we have the right trees in the right places. Almost half of the estate is wooded, and we manage our variety of woodlands for biodiversity, climate resilience, sustainable timber production and public enjoyment. We are continually replanting trees and planted a completely new woodland, Queen Elizabeth's Woodland, in 2022.

In advance of tree felling, areas are surveyed so that we can safeguard protected species and minimize the impact to wildlife, people and the historic landscape.

For more information on our nature restoration project at Puttenham Common, our new woodland, and our principles for nature restoration, please visit our website www.hamptonestate.co.uk.

Staying safe during tree felling

During tree felling there will be some areas on the common with restricted access, which is necessary to protect the public. Please adhere to the No Access safety signs and please ensure all gateways are unobstructed. Don't forget there are lots of other woodlands such as Binton Wood and Britty Wood to explore on the estate.

The operations will cause minimal disruption to those who enjoy Puttenham Common, but nonetheless, we ask for your understanding. If you have any questions please contact John Igglesden - Penfold's Operations Manager on john@penfolds.org.uk or contact Molly Biddell at Hampton Estate on mollybiddell@hamptonestate.co.uk

