



Ancient Woodland Restoration Project

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Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Working to conserve and sustain the landscape

What is ancient woodland?



Ancient woods are areas of woodland that have persisted since 1600 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and 1750 in Scotland. This is when maps started to be reasonably accurate so we can tell that these areas have had tree cover for hundreds of years.

They are relatively undisturbed by human development. As a result, they are unique and complex communities of plants, fungi, insects and other microorganisms

Types of Ancient Woodland Site

ASNW

Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland



PAWS

Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites



RNWS & PAWS restoration

Restored Native Woodland on Ancient Sites



The Value of Ancient Woodland



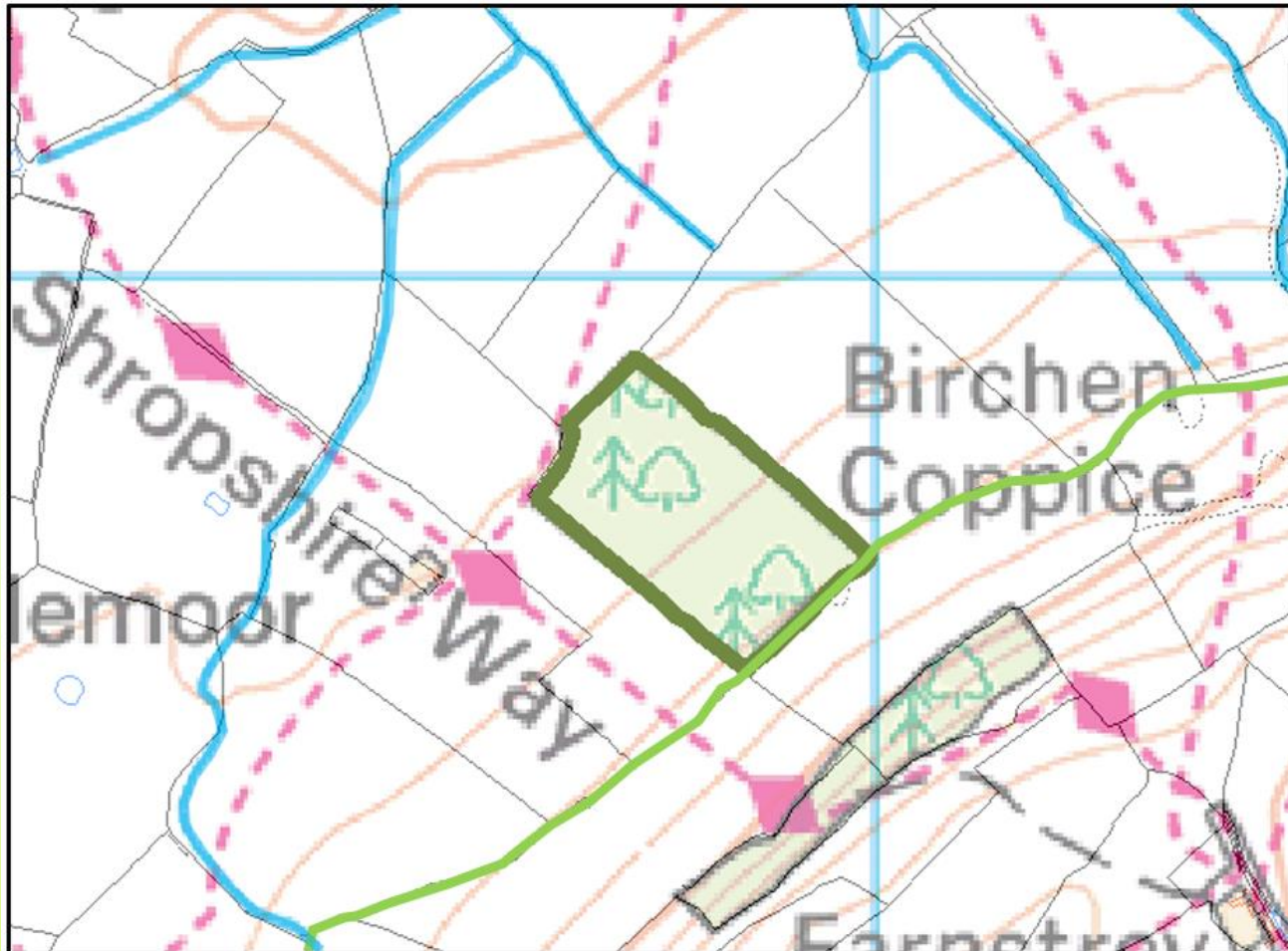
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Context in the wider landscape



Person

1:2500 OS digital map

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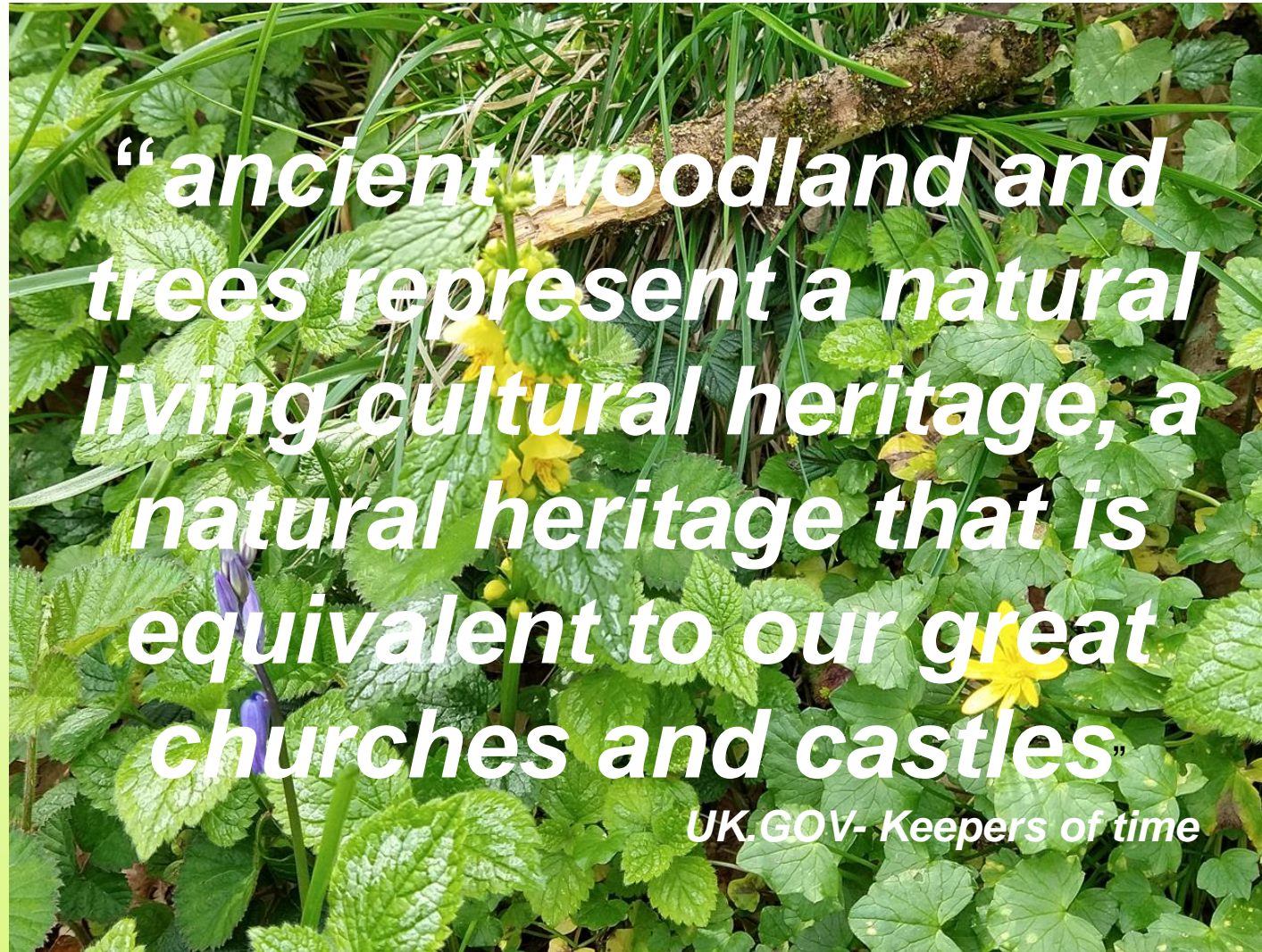
Project length - The AWRP is a two-year project running until March 2025.

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Project objectives will be:

- To identify ASNW/PAWS sites within the Shropshire Hills AONB (& Adjacent Parishes) and prepare a list of high-quality sites with good restoration potential.
- To engage with underrepresented and hard to reach woodland owners.
- Carry out a condition assessment for the woodland to identify woodland attributes, identify and assess condition and biodiversity indicators, and assess where woodland management can be altered or introduced to improve conditions.
- If eligible, support woodland owner to explore a Woodland Management Plan Grant.
- Alternatively, support woodland owner to prepare simple management plan using the small a woodland management plan template - (www.gov.uk).
- Signpost to relevant funding for restoration/management work and work with woodland owners to line up work for possible funding.

The Value of Ancient Woodland



“ancient woodland and trees represent a natural living cultural heritage, a natural heritage that is equivalent to our great churches and castles”

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status

■ ASNW

■ PAWS

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