

South Hinksey Parish Council

Woodland specification 2022 – South Hinksey

South Hinksey Parish Council invites you to submit a quotation for 2022. The seven areas are as follows:

1. Promote growth of wildflowers

Mow a wide path around all sides of the main area of trees twice to promote the growth of wildflowers: once before spring and once after summer.

Cuttings must be collected but may be left in an appropriate place on site.

2. Encourage walkers

Mow a narrow path around all sides of the main wooded area and up to the small entrance at the north end of the site so walkers are both encouraged and guided in their use of the area.

Cuttings may be left in situ.

3. Maintain access from the north

Maintain ease of access to the woodland via the small entrance at the north end of the site. Cut back any shrubs, brambles, etc within and outside the woodland that would make it difficult for people to access the site from the north.

4. Liaise with the Forestry Commission

Liaise with the Forestry Commission's local Woodland Officer (currently Sam Riley) on the Council's behalf on matters to do with the management of the woodland and compliance with the Commission's rules.

5. Deal with ash dieback

Assist the Council to plan and carry out the appropriate removal of dead and diseased ash trees, and their replacement with a mix of native species acceptable to the Council and to the Forestry Commission, especially hazel.

6. Cement status of the woodland

Apply to the VoWHDC Countryside Officer on the Council's behalf for Local Nature Reserve status under 1949 Act and advise the Council

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whether to apply to Natural England for the woodland to be designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

7. Provide advice

Provide general advice and guidance to the Council on the proper management and development of the woodland.

Geoffrey Ferres
Parish Clerk
Monday 28th February 2022