



Monmouth LAF meeting notes

18/02/24

NRW Update:

1. Land Management update:

- We are still in a 'recovery' stage of the recent storms meaning we are prioritising clearing up from the storms rather than carrying out our day to day work programs. While the SE did not get as badly affected as other parts of Wales as people return to venturing further in to the woodlands we are finding further damage and trees down that we are dealing with ongoing.
- The Land Management Team will shortly be getting some CAM's training from the Local Authority to improve the response to issues and reduce confusion and double reporting for issues on PROW.
- Due to NRW's Case for Change we have lost two member of our team unfortunately.
- As a knock on to the heathland grazing project at Beacon Hill we have started to remove about 2 km of redundant fencing and gates on the site improving access especially for horse riders and those with physical impairments. We are aware that there are issues with mainly cyclists riding down the track and crossing the footpath at Red circle in the map attached.
- Wentwood steering group meeting: yet to happen however we are keen to engage with the wider landowners and key stakeholders to look at the future of the site in respect to recreation and access. We hope to approach the LAF for some formal advice once the stakeholder group has met.
- National Forest funding has been paused for 25-26 due to the case for change program.
- For any queries please use the Land Management Team contact e mail:
forestsandnaturesoutheast@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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0300 065 3000 (24/7) [Natural Resources Wales / Report an incident](#)

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2. Forest Operations update:

- Current program is focused on managing tree diseases, Larch & Ash die back, here is a current live update of operations as at 04/02/25:

Status	Site name	Coupe No	Nature of work
Full working:	Slade Wood	76957	Larch clearance
	Wentwood South	77002	Thinning PAWS
Dispatch only:	Wet Meadow	72006	Thinning
	Wet Meadow North	72936	Thinning PAWS
	Beacon Hill	72936	SPHN Larch
	Chepstow Park	74285	SPHN Larch
	Wentwood	77674	

- There is more information and maps regarding our Forest Operations on the NRW website here:

[Upcoming forestry and land management work, Northern and Southern Wye woodlands, Monmouthshire - Natural Resources Wales Citizen Space - Citizen Space \(cyfoethnaturiol.cymru\)](#)

- To contract the Forest Operations team direct please use:

SEForest.operations@naturalresources.wales

Action points from meetings:

Action:	Owner:	Subject:	Completed

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