



Monmouth LAF meeting NRW update: 07/11/24

NRW Update:

1. Land Management update:

- Normal operations are continuing the estate, we are just about to start our annual tree safety inspections of the woodlands over the next couple of months, we are carrying out small maintenance operations here and there ongoing.
- The heathland grazing project at Beacon Hill has gone well for the 2nd year and will hopefully allow us to remove about 4 km of fencing, 5 gates and a cattle grid in the future on the site while still reviving the heathland. However there is an issue of cyclists / motorbikes crossing a couple of the footpaths at speed that has been raised by some local users and we are looking at what we can do to try and resolve this, chicanes that are wide enough for horses and accessible cycles but stop people flying across the PROW is the current obvious answer. There will be further Birch clearance over the winter on this site also.
- Wentwood steering group meeting yet to happen however we are keen to engage with the wider landowner stakeholders and the AONB to look at the future of the this site in respect to recreation and access. We hope to approach the LAF for some formal advice shortly once the stakeholder group has met.
- We hope to bid for some National Forest funding from WG for project in our area once we know what is happening with the current case for change proposals in early November.
- For any queries please use the Land Management Team contact e mail: forestsandnaturesoutheast@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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2. Forest Operations update:

- Current program is focused on managing tree diseases, Larch & Ash die back, A few planned operations have now started in September due to bird nesting and other protection restrictions. Currently there are the following operations:
 - Live:
 - 72936 Beacon Hill Larch removal.
 - 7485 Chepstow Park Larch removal.
 - 77674 Wentwood thinning.
 - Imminent:
 - 72006 Wet Meadow thinning.
 - 76957 Slade Larch removal.
 - 77002 Wentwood thinning.

There is more information and maps 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:

Serial & Type -Action -Decision -Note -Point	Owner	Subject:	Completed (if required)

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