



Monmouth LAF meeting notes 09/09/24

NRW Update:

1. Land Management update:

The Team have been busy unfortunately dealing with the spate of recent wildfires across the area especially over the Bank Holiday WE, however we have been trying to continue with our day to day management works on eh Welsh Government Woodland Estate (WGWE)

Here are some key updates on recent and planned works across the area:

- The heathland grazing projects have had another year of success and the Cattle are being taken off Cleddon bog and Beacon hill heathland at the beginning of September, having grazed both sites all summer.
- We are hoping to undertake some horse logging within an area of ancient woodland in Wentwood forest.
- Gwent Wildlife Trust (GWT)are working at Minnets field in Slade woodland, replacing the fences and carrying out some management of the field, including bracken and bramble removal from the priority site.
- Wye Valley National Landscapes are going to run a volunteer day at Beacon hill in October, helping tackle the birch within the heathland
- Wentwood steering group meeting planned for the 24th September and we are keen to engage with the wider landowner stakeholders and the National Landscape to look at the future of the site in respect to recreation and access. We hope to approach the LAF for some formal advice shortly once the stakeholder group has met.
- OGB1 tree works is a large part of our winter work program as well as larger scale ash tree works.
- We will be carrying out internal/external flailing along forest and public roads.
- Day to Day forest management such as litter/flytipping/grass cutting/culvert maintenance etc.

For any queries please use the Land Management Team contact e mail:
forestsandnaturesoutheast@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

NOTE: For urgent or out of hrs incidents / reports use the Incident Control Centre (ICC) :

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

Reporting off-road vehicles: contact@gwent.pnn.police.uk Call 101 @gwentpolice

2. Forest Operations update:

Current program is focused on managing tree diseases, Larch & Ash die back, most operations will start in September /October due to bird nesting and other protection restrictions. Site to be works are as follows:

- **Beacon Hill 72009:** Thinning
- **Whitestone 73003:** Thinning
- **Barbados 73020:** Thinning with some Larch removal
- **Llandog Bargins Wood 73526:** Clearfell
- **Chepstow Park 74002:** North West Thinning
- **Pant y Warren 74004** Thinning
- **Fedw Wood 74007 & 74233** Thinning and some minor Larch removal
- **Kemmyns Inferior 77004:** Thinning
- **Wentwood 77040:** Horse Logging: Dispatch only

There is some general information on or Forest Operations the NRW website here:

[Upcoming forestry and land management work, Northern and Southern Wye woodlands, Monmouthshire - Natural Resources Wales Citizen Space - Citizen Space \(cyfoethnaturiol.cymru\)](https://www.gov.wales/upcoming-forestry-and-land-management-work-northern-and-southern-wye-woodlands-monmouthshire-natural-resources-wales-citizen-space-cyfoethnaturiolcymru)

To contact 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)

Bob Campbell

[Uwch.Swyddog.Rheoli.Tir / Senior Officer, Land Management](mailto:Uwch.Swyddog.Rheoli.Tir@naturalresources.wales)
[Gweithrediadau De Ddwyrain Cymru / South East Wales Operations](mailto:Gweithrediadau.De.Ddwyrain.Cymru@naturalresources.wales)
[Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales](mailto:Cyfoeth.Naturiol.Cymru@naturalresources.wales)