

Sheldon Country Park Woodland and Grassland



Management works will be taking place in the woodland and the grassland during March and April 2022.

As part of the weir removal and river enhancement works delivered in the autumn further enhancement works are to taking place this spring. Some of the grassland will be planted with wild flower seed. Thinning and tree management work will also take place in the woodland, to enhance its value for wildlife.

Woodland Trees were planted in the 1980's. Since then they have received very little management. They have never been thinned making the woodland over crowded.

What is the problem? Many of the trees have grown very tall, they are thin, unhealthy and prone to breakage or being blown over. There is little habitat value across the woodland due to the poor light in the summer and a lack of diversity of tree age and structure.

What is happening? Traditional techniques of coppicing and pollarding will be used as well as thinning in some areas.



Grassland All the grass in the southern section of the County Park is a single species and fast growing. It provides limited value to local wildlife as a habitat or food source.

What is happening? In some sections the grass will be removed. A varied grass mix with lots of wildlife flowers will then be sown.

Once established, the grassland will be more diverse providing a habitat for wide range of birds, and a nectar source for butterflies. In the summer it will also look attractive.

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Example of a damaged and unsafe tree

Trent Rivers Trust is working with Birmingham City Council's 'Parks & Nature Conservation's Tree Section and the Environment Agency to remove the weirs and create additional habitat in the Country Park.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this river restoration project may cause. During the works we will keep disturbance and disruption to a minimum. Please be aware that the site will take a while to recover from the impact of the works before it looks at its best. Please don't worry if the tree work seems rather drastic at first as the appearance will improve over time and result in a much healthier woodland

