

Woodland Conservation Work

Habitat work for Nature Conservation will be taking place in the coming weeks across Sheen Common. The work to be carried out will be as follows:

Holly thinning/removal: There will be selective felling of Holly due to its excessive dominance within the understory of the woodland. This will improve light levels to the understory and enhance conditions for a desirable range of other plant species. Over time the structural variation within the woodland will improve, which benefits a wide range of wildlife. Noting it's importance for wintering and nesting birds a large amount of Holly remains across the site.

Invasive species removal: A range of invasive plant species (including Bamboo, Cherry Laurel and Norway Maple) will be targeted for removal across the site. These species are highly invasive, outcompeting and restricting growth of our valuable native flora and offering negligible benefit to local wildlife.

Wetland enhancement: We will be removing terrestrial trees from within and around some of the wetland areas to improve light conditions as they have become heavily shaded. Removing portions of the canopy in heavily shaded ponds can increase the cover of herbaceous plants and grasses in and around the area. This will provide additional food and habitats for aquatic and marginal invertebrates.



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