

Woodland management

Service summary:

We will manage council woodlands so that they continue to enhance the local landscape and provide habitats for wildlife and recreational facilities for the community.

We will:

- manage each woodland in an environmentally friendly way. We will also produce management plans to make sure the sites are managed properly. These plans will:
 - encourage public access and recreation
 - maintain a comprehensive nature conservation programme
 - provide opportunities for the community to get involved in projects
 - make sure heritage features are protected
 - maintain the quality of the landscape
 - make sure our woodland management does not harm the quality of life in and around the woods
 - promote educational opportunities for the whole community
- work closely with others like The Forestry Commission, local interest groups and local councils to make our management plans work
- there is a management plan for Weston Woods. We will produce and put into practice plans for all our other woodlands.

You can help by:

- sharing information about local wildlife
- volunteering for small projects run by the Ranger Service
- reporting vandalism or other antisocial behaviour.

**W****Woodland management****The service does not include:**

- felling or pruning trees in woodlands unless it is part of the site's management plan
- woodlands not under our control.

Contact us:**01934 888 802****www.n-somerset.gov.uk**

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Frequently asked questions

1. Why are there stacks of timber in the woods?

Timber is stacked in the woods until we take it to the timber or pulp mill. Please don't climb on the stacks.

2. Why have you cut down healthy trees and left dead ones?

Healthy woodland rich in wildlife needs dead timber as well as live trees. Standing dead trees provide a better habitat than ones on the ground. So we leave some, away from paths, to encourage wildlife. We remove some healthy trees so sunlight can reach the woodland floor to let new trees grow.

3. Why have you blocked some paths?

We have blocked off some of the many informal paths to restrict public access in certain areas which will let seedlings and wildlife regenerate. There are plenty of other paths for you to use.

4. There is a burnt out vehicle on
What should I do?

You'll need to report this to Streets and Open Spaces on **01934 888 802**. Tell them exactly where the vehicle is, the registration number and how they can get in touch with you. They'll organise a site inspection and remove the vehicle.

5. Can I ride a horse in the woods?

Yes, in some parts of some of our woods – look out for the bridleway signs.

6. Can I cycle in the woods?

Yes, on marked bridleways – look for the signs.

Our Woodlands

We intend to introduce management plans for our woodlands. The table shows what's happening about the plans for each site.

Woodland name	Town	Current position	Management plan review date	Woodland grant scheme review date
Weston Woods	W-s-M	First management plan completed in 1999. Management plan review completed in 2004.	2009	2005
Strawberry Hill Woods	Clevedon	First management plan completed in 2002	2007	None
Nowhere Wood	Nailsea	First management plan completed in 2000	2005	2005
Eastwood	Portishead	Management plan approval anticipated in 2005	2010	None
Abbots Pool	Abbots Leigh	Management plan completed in 2003	2008	None
Pilgrims Way	W-s-M	No management plan	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Spinney	Bleadon	No management plan	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Tips	W-s-M	No management plan	Not applicable	Not applicable