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Spernal Estate : Re-establishment of native broadleaved woodland



Introduction & Location

At Spernal Estate we are undertaking large scale tree planting to re-establish part of the ancient Forest of Arden.

Location – South east of Studley, Warwickshire

Grid ref – SP10270 62000

Objectives: To plant as much land with trees as constraints will allow.

Actions:

- Ensure at least 100 Hectares of tree planting per annum
- Maintain establishing trees to ensure suitable stocking
- Manage deer to establish sustainable and healthy groups
- Manage open ground for diversity
- Create of a network of woodland paths

Achievements: Current planting totals some 400 Hectares in five years at Spernal Estate

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Background:

Spernal Estate was purchased as part of one mans vision to enhance and significantly increasing England's native broadleaved tree cover.

Quotes:

"For hundreds of years politicians and citizens of the UK have talked about planting trees and in fact planted very few. We must now address this situation."

Sir Felix Dennis

Partners:

Forestry Commission funding through EWGS

WMRFF Objectives: Main Theme & Others

Tree & Woodland Cover: To increase significantly regional woodland cover, linked to the Regional Spatial Strategy

Enhancing Biodiversity: To protect and enhance ancient or semi-natural woodland, including through the creation of new native woodland in targeted locations, which will create habitat networks and increase semi-natural woodland cover

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