

WORMWOOD SCRUBS MANAGEMENT PLAN



AREA 5
Bramble area
Lesters Embankment



AREA 6
Chats Paddock



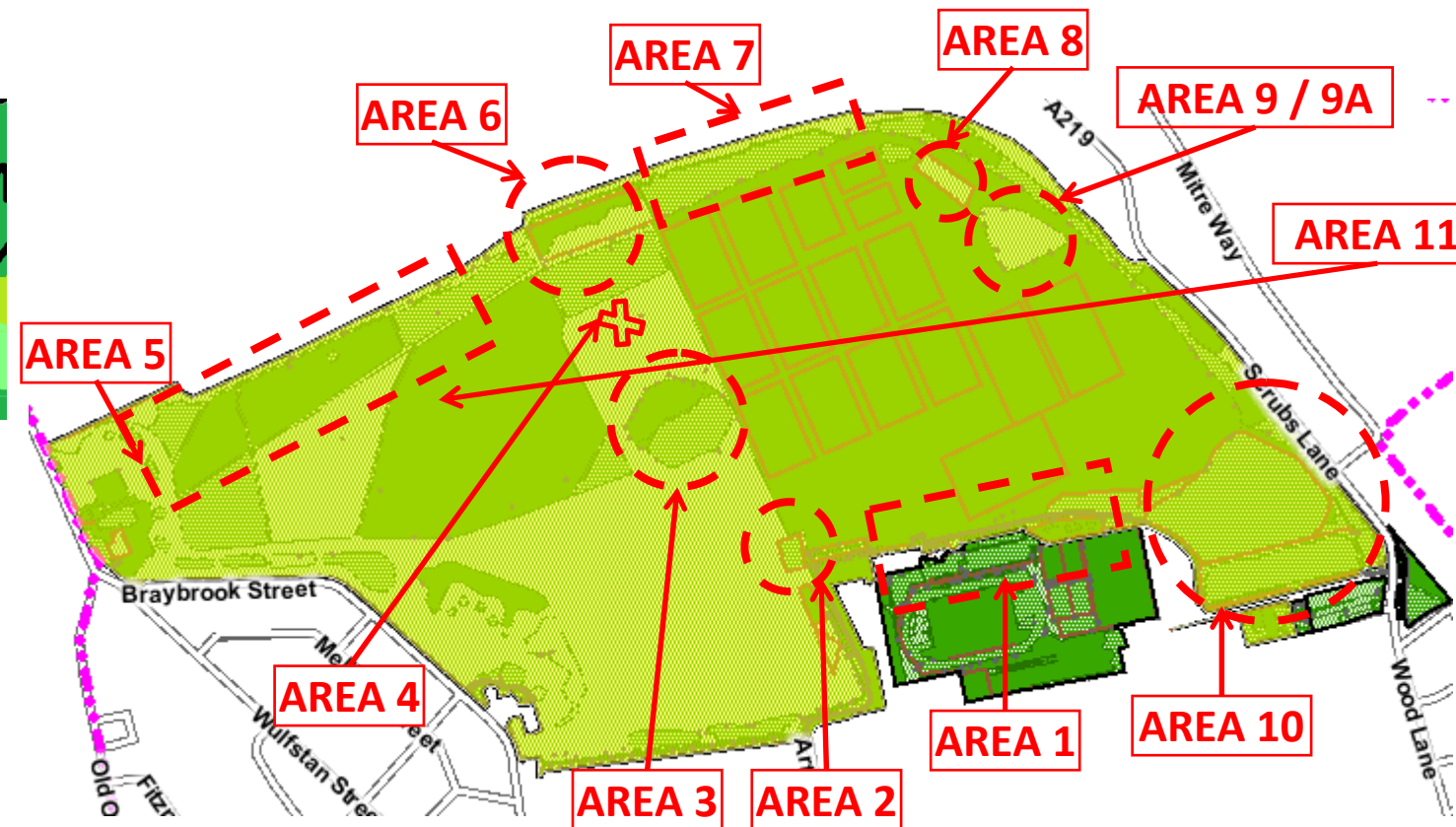
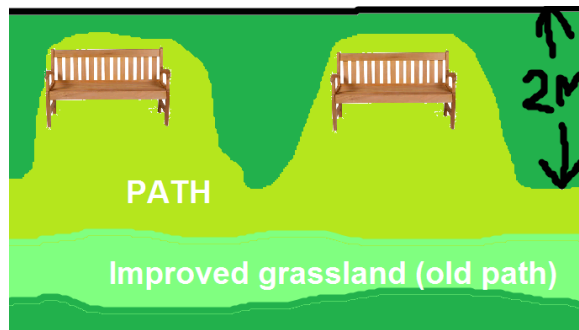
AREA 7
Scrubs Lane Wood +
New Copses



AREA 8
New Scrubs Lane
Wood Copse 1



AREA 9 9A
New Scrubs Lane
Wood Copse 2 / 3



AREA 11
Meadow Pipet Long
Grass Area



AREA 4
Model Flying Area
Landing Strip Cut
20/11/12



AREA 3 – Copse 2
Central Copse



AREA 2 - Copse 1



AREA 1
Improved Grassland



AREA 10
Martin Bell Wood



WORMWOOD SCRUBS MANAGEMENT PLAN-KEY TASKS

AREA 1
Improved Grassland

Key Tasks:

- Agree width of improved Grassland
- Mow scalloped rides around benches and Bins
- Agree programme of structured whip planting

AREA 2 - Copse 1

Key Tasks:

- Agree size of copse
- Reduce Bramble
- Survey Trees
- Agree Grassland regime

AREA 3 – Copse 2
Central Copse

Key Tasks:

- Agree size of copse
- Reduce Bramble
- Increase moving margin
- Identifying suitable areas for meadow planting

AREA 4
Model Flying Area

Key Tasks:

- Define Landing strip and Agree mowing regime
- Look at reducing the ride that runs down from Chats Paddock

AREA 5
Bramble area
Lesters Embankment

Key Tasks:

- Looking at area on the Hythe road perimeter for bramble
- Flail cut Bramble margin by 4m back to existing furniture leaving at least 1-2m of bramble as a buffer and retain the scallops in this area. This will be better for birds and lizards. See diagram page 1.
- Maintain Flailed area as new access path
- Old path maintained as improved grassland may want to put some tree whips in.

AREA 6
Chats Paddock

Key Tasks:

- Cut back encroaching Blackthorn to the external fence line to Chats Paddock around benches and bins and allowed to creep as a hedge. This is better than a fence for nesting birds and looks less like park furniture. The hedge could be layed to create a formal hedge to replace the post and rail.
- As an existing lizard compartment it is important to have the long grass, scrub and basking area mosaic in the paddock itself, it would be beneficial to cut rides (exact sizes of these should be agreed and best done by hand) inside Chats paddock to halt succession, improve the light and mosaic.
- Long term massive bramble encroachment in this area is likely to be detrimental to the lizard population. Widening the paths slightly (by cutting bramble from the edges) would also offer a more sustainable solution to the mud issues than putting down woodchip.
- Rather than look to reinstate the areas of damaged Cleft Chestnut fencing on oak post fencing Blackthorn Hedge to be laying and dead wood hedging could provide a more environmentally sensitive barrier.
- QSL look to maintain a wider intermediate mowing margin in front of the Blackthorn as a basking area for Lizard and Nightingales seen in the area.

AREA 7
Scrubs Lane Wood + New Copses

Key Tasks:

- Maintain the encroaching Blackthorn around benches and bins.
- This area has in the past been seeded as a wildflower strip, if this is to be maintained bramble/blackthorn should be cut back at least 3 meters along the entire edge of this area.
- Some of the older and dead trees could do with thinning out or coppicing and the wood could be used to make log piles which could mark the edges of the bramble/blackthorn belt and the wildflower, improved grassland edges.
- Maintain a suitable Improved grassland margin
- Identify Potential areas for whip planting

AREA 8
New Scrubs Lane Wood Copse 1

Key Tasks:

- Maintain the Improved grassland margin
- Look to selectively remove areas of encroaching bramble and blackthorn.
- Similar management for area 9. This is a very dense copse and would benefit from the removal of some trees to let the light in to the understory.
- Survey Trees

AREA 9
New Scrubs Lane Wood Copse 2

Key Tasks:

- Maintain the Improved grassland margin
- Survey Trees

AREA 10
Martin Bell Wood

Key Tasks:

- Remove the suckering poplar
- Selectively remove dominant patches of bramble
- Survey Trees

AREA 11
Meadow Pipet Meadow

Key Tasks:

- Seek to designate this area as an LNR in 2013 linked to the nesting habitat for Meadow Pipets and wider ecology survey.
- Implement a plan to prevent succession of bramble and scrub to maintain meadow.
- Implement a meadow cutting regime for the grassland area in line with LNR designation.
- Suggest to Friends cutting an access path through the centre of the meadow, but seasonally enforce a Dogs on path policy during the breeding season Education v Enforcement.
- Work with David Lindoa to agree suitable on site interpretation for the areas to increase the Education to users and schools etc