



TALKIN TARN Country Park FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Special Edition Woodland Planting Scheme



Proposals for planting over 11,000 native trees have been drawn up to extend and link existing woodland areas at Talkin Tarn.

The proposed new woodland would have scalloped edges to avoid uniform straight lines. Planting densities and locations would take into account preservation of the view across the Tarn to the fells and complement the existing landscape of the area. The planting will be to a density of 1100 trees/hectare in line with Forestry Commission requirements. The new woodland area will be 10.8 hectares in size, this includes areas of open space/glades which are particularly important for birds. An added bonus to this scheme is that it would link our woodland up to the end of Gelt Wood, providing an excellent corridor for wildlife. This would help facilitate colonization by desirable species of plants and animals over time from this already highly valuable wildlife rich woodland. To realise this scheme land use will need to be changed from its current grazing regime.

A Woodland Grant Scheme application is to be submitted in the next few weeks and with additional funding from AONB North Pennines the aim is to have the planting completed by the end of this winter 2010/11. We would like your comments on this scheme before the application is submitted. A map is provided to show where the planting is to take place, the density of planting and proposed species. Access for the public will be encouraged through the new woodland areas via a pathway.

Planting Plan



The numbers refer to the different compartments. See opposite for species to be planted in each compartment.

Tree Species To Be Planted In Each Compartment.
(The number is the percentage mix of each species for that compartment)

Compartment 1

Tree species mix for wet birch woodland broad buckler fern sub-community 1.7 hectares

alder *Alnus glutinosa* 5
silver birch *Betula pendula* 1
downy birch *Betula pubescens* 25
ash *Fraxinus excelsior* 11
sessile oak *Quercus petraea* 7
goat willow *Salix caprea* 8
rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* 15
hazel *Corylus avellana* 5
hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* 3
holly *Ilex aquifolium* 5
grey willow *Salix cinerea* 15

Compartment 2

Tree species mix for alder-ash woodland nettle sub-community 0.6 hectares

alder *Alnus glutinosa* 22
silver birch *Betula pendula* 4
downy birch *Betula pubescens* 8
ash *Fraxinus excelsior* 18
goat willow *Salix caprea* 8
rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* 8
hazel *Corylus avellana* 4
hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* 3
holly *Ilex aquifolium* 1
blackthorn *Prunus spinosa* 1
grey willow *Salix cinerea* 12
elder *Sambucus nigra* 10
guelder rose *Viburnum opulus* 1

Compartment 3

Tree species mix for oak-bracken-bramble woodland woodsorrel sub-community coppice 2.4 hectares

alder *Alnus glutinosa* 5
ash *Fraxinus excelsior* 20
wild cherry *Prunus avium* 4
sessile oak *Quercus petraea* 20
rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* 4
hazel *Corylus avellana* 36
holly *Ilex aquifolium* 5
crab apple *Malus sylvestris* 1
elder *Sambucus nigra* 5

Compartment 4

Tree species mix for oak-bracken-bramble woodland woodsorrel sub-community 6.1 hectares

alder *Alnus glutinosa* 5
silver birch *Betula pendula* 5
downy birch *Betula pubescens* 9
ash *Fraxinus excelsior* 15
aspen *Populus tremula* 4
wild cherry *Prunus avium* 4
sessile oak *Quercus petraea* 15
rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* 9
hazel *Corylus avellana* 11
hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* 5
holly *Ilex aquifolium* 5
crab apple *Malus sylvestris* 1
bird cherry *Prunus padus* 2
dog rose *Rosa canina* 3
elder *Sambucus nigra* 5
gorse *Ulex europaeus* 2

Why Woodland Is Important

Woods, and the trees that make up a vital component of them, are essential to life. They provide a myriad of different benefits for both wildlife and people. They stabilise the soil, generate oxygen, store carbon, play host to a spectacular variety of wildlife, provide us with raw materials and shelter, inspire our imaginations and our creativity.

The almost magical, mystical quality of woods makes them a great place for relaxation and recreation. A walk in the woods can give anyone a feeling of peace and tranquillity. Most of us have fond childhood memories of playing on or around trees.

A world without trees and woods would be barren and bare.”

(Quote taken from, The Woodland Trust 2010)

We would welcome your feedback on this scheme. Please contact us with any feedback by Wed 16th February 2011.

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