

Hamble Green - Heather Gardens: 10-year Woodland Management Plan

		Phase 1 - North section			Phase 2 - middle section			Phase 3 - South section			All sections
Activity	Pre start	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Tree works	Mark up trees to be felled year 1	Phase 1 Tree works trees G1 to T7 plus safely works to T9 & T10, remove hanger from T13. Retain cord sections and mulch on site	Clear dead/ damaged/ invasive plants from planting areas	Trim regrowth from holly (V)	Phase 2 tree works: trees T8 to T13	Trim regrowth from holly and other invasive plants (V)	Trim regrowth from holly and other invasive plants (V)	Phase 3 Tree works: G14 to G17 - management of invasive species and improving access to marshlands.	Trim regrowth from holly and other invasive plants (V)	Trim regrowth from holly and other invasive plants (V)	Revisit plan, thin or replant as necessary
Preparation works	Start process of recruiting volunteers and advance notice of plans.	Clear ground flora - retain any native woodland plants (V)	Dig over planting sections and backfill with resulting soil (V)	Mark up trees to be felled year 4	Check establishment of phase 1 underplanting and top up/this as necessary	Dig over planting sections and backfill with resulting soil & compost	Mark up trees to be felled year 7	Check establishment of phase 2 underplanting and top up/this as necessary	Dig over planting sections and backfill with resulting soil	Mark up any trees to be thinned/felled.	Plan delived, maintenance regime continues.
Hibernacular/recycling	Identify location for hibernacular	Retain cord sections and mulch on site for reuse	Spread mulch from retained heap on areas (V)	Check hibernacular stable and undisturbed (V)	Top up hibernacular in phase 1 and construct a second in phase 2. Retain cord sections and mulch on site for reuse (V)	Spread mulch from retained heap on areas (V)	Check hibernacular stable and undisturbed (V)	Top up hibernacular in phase 1 & 2 and construct a third in phase 3. Retain cord sections and mulch on site for reuse	Spread mulch from retained heap on areas (V)	Check hibernacular stable and undisturbed (V)	Continue to add material to top of hibernacular and encourage plants to grow over top (V)
Legal	Obtain permissions from owners and local Planning Authority / TPO application will be needed.	Mere House to decide if they wish to apply for permission to fell leaning beech T3: submit application.	Consider retaining large sections of T3 (if felled) for informal play. Tree safety audit (HPB routine proactive)	Check permissions still valid for next phase works	Tree safety audit (HPB routine proactive)	None	Check permissions still valid for next phase works. Tree safety audit (HPB routine proactive)	None	Tree safety audit (HPB routine proactive)	Renew permissions for tree work if 10-yr was granted	Tree safety audit (HPB routine proactive)
Communication	Advise site visitors that planned woodland mangement will be starting. Call for intereted parties to volunteer (V)	Signs explaining activities. Website notification. (V)	Check/clean signs, update website. (V)	Check/clean signs, update website. Check for public reaction and support. (V)	New signs for next phase, update website. (V)	Check/clean signs, update website. (V)	Maintain notices and volunteer involvement (V)	New signs for next phase, update website. Check for public reaction and support. (V)	Check/clean signs, update website. (V)	Maintain notices and volunteer involvement (V)	Maintain notices and volunteer involvement (V)
Planting	Order bulbs and trees/shrubs	Plant bulbs/corms on cleared bank to north of boundary fence (G1 area): cyclamen and snowdrops (V)	Plant 3 x hawthorn/ blackthorn c. 1m from boundary fence (V)	Plant honeysuckle over hibernacular and at base of habitat poles. Top up mulch, check stakes ties and guards. (V)	Check tree pits ready and weed-free (V)	Plant 2 x Crab apple 2m from fence, 1 x <i>Stewartia</i> , bluebells and lily-of-the-valley (V)	Top up mulch, check stakes ties and guards. (V)	Plant honeysuckle over hibernacular and at base of habitat poles. (V)	Plant 1 x large species tree - beech or sweet chestnut . Plant foxgloves, early purple orchid and snakeshead fritillary (V)	Top up mulch, check stakes ties and guards. (V)	Check establishment of all plantings (V)
Maintenance and volunteer (V) activity	Recruitment.	Working north to south, start sensitive clearance of dead, broken, lying stem and cutting of ground cover. (V under supervision)	Trim regrowth, identify and large hollows and scrape out for damp areas (V)	Trim regrowth from holly and any other invasives (V)	Start clearance of second phase understory and invasive species. (V)	Trim regrowth from holly and any other invasives (V). Check ligh levels to phase 1 bank and clear any low growth	Ground clearance for phases 1 and 2 to limit ground cover plants from swamping bulbs (V)	Start clearance of third phase understory and invasive species. (V)	Maintenance of understory and regrowth (V)	Maintenance of understory and regrowth (V)	Maintenance of understory and regrowth (V)
Notes & Key : (V) = possible volunteer task											