

Oakley Woodlands Group



Who are we?

We are a group of volunteers who are restoring and maintaining the woodland and its wildlife at St Johns and Cowdown Copses in Oakley, working to a flexible management plan drawn up in conjunction with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

About St Johns and Cowdown

Both copses are fine examples of ancient semi-natural woodland designated as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs), mostly comprising standard oaks with a hazel understory and with a carpet of bluebells in spring. This makes it an excellent habitat for a rich variety of wildlife including some rare species.

What do we do?

Most activity is in the autumn and winter. This includes coppicing, planting, managing and maintaining the woodland

rides and paths for access, as well as producing stakes, bean poles, pea sticks, and firewood. In the summer months we produce charcoal, carry out flora and fauna surveys, and hold events.

How to find us



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How to contact us

For more details of how you can help, or join our work parties, contact us at oakleywoodlands@gmail.com

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