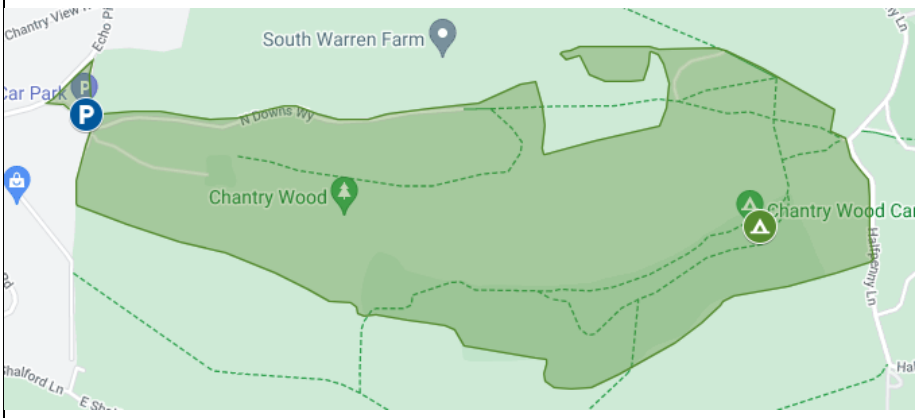
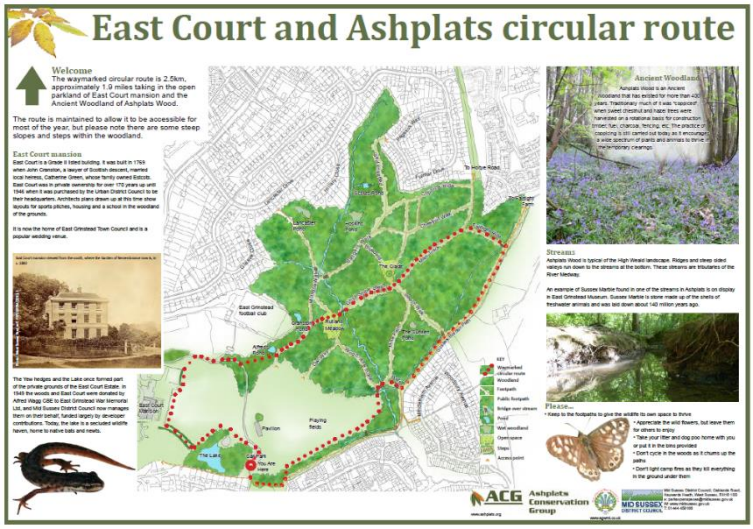
SANG incorporating ancient woodland - case studies

Case Study 1

SANG	**Chantry Wood SANG** https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/chantry-wood/ https://www.guildford.gov.uk/Chantrywood
LPA	Guildford Borough Council
Description	Chantry Wood is 200 acres comprising woodland including ancient semi-natural woodland (in the south of the woodland) and meadows.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Woodland Trust https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/chantry-wood/ Surrey Wildlife Trust for hedgerows https://www.guildford.gov.uk/Chantrywood
Management comments or notes	• our aim is to restore the ancient woodland to its native origins • clearing areas of conifer plantations. This improves the variety of species found in the canopy, understory and ground flora. Overtime it should also increase our bluebell population • we thin beech trees from two beech stands within the woodland. This removes the weaker and smaller trees. It enhances growth of the remaining trees and allows sunlight to reach the ground • improve the hedgerows at Chantry Wood. This project is in partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust and their Heritage Hedgerow Project • we recently built a new pond by the main entrance to Chantry Wood. Our new pond helps with drainage. It provides a new habitat for amphibians, birds and aquatic plants
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/chantry-wood/   

Case Study 2

SANG	**Ashplats Wood SANG** https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/east-court-ashplats-wood/
LPA	Mid Sussex District Council
Description	Ashplats Wood is 28ha (69 acre) and forms part of the East Court Estate. The majority of the wood comprises ancient semi-natural woodland.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Mid Sussex District Council https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/1548/east-court-management-plan.pdf Ashplats Conservation Group https://ashplats.org/
Management comments or notes	The broad woodland management principles are to open up the canopy, promote structural and species diversity, enhance habitat connectivity and retain existing, valuable features. The emphasis will change from coppicing blocks of woodland (coups) to carrying out "linear coppicing" as a way to enhance the structural diversity of the woodland and create an improved network of open, linked, ride edge habitat across the path network. Key management themes for 2015 to 2025 are: • Woodland management - coppicing and thinning • Enhancement and management of the path and ride network • Glade and open area creation and management • Invasive species control • Pond and stream management • Improvements to safe access and site infrastructure • Enhancing interpretation • Reducing site abuses through better engagement with community and neighbours • Survey and monitoring of flagship and protected species
Selected Maps / Photographs	From:   

Case Study 3

SANG	**Ash Green Meadows SANG** https://thelandtrust.org.uk/space/ash-green-meadows/?green%3Fmeadows%2F https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/ash-green-meadows/
LPA	Guildford Borough Council
Description	Ash Green Meadows is 24ha (59 acre) comprising semi-improved damp grassland, improved grassland, scattered Oak trees, mature wooded strips, hedgerows, scrub, seasonal ponds and ancient semi-natural woodland.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	The Land Trust https://thelandtrust.org.uk/space/ash-green-meadows/?green%3Fmeadows%2F in partnership with Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership https://www.bvct.org.uk/
Management comments or notes	Management of the site, through the SANG management plan, aims to provide an attractive area for recreational use for new and existing residents, protect and enhance the sites' ecological interest and seek opportunities to diversify this interest through the creation of new and diverse habitats.
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/ash-green-meadows/ and https://thelandtrust.org.uk/space/ash-green-meadows/?green%3Fmeadows%2F   

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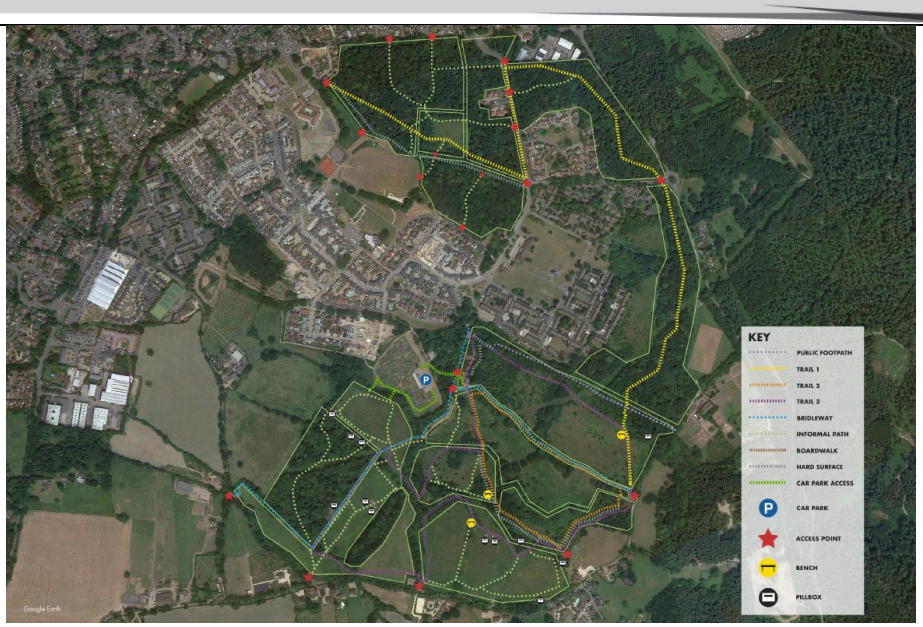
SANG	**Tarman's Copse SANG** https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/tarmans-copse
LPA	Bracknell Forest Council
Description	Tarman's Copse is a 9.68ha (24 acre) area of ancient woodland in the Jennett's Park residential area. The woodland is a remnant of ancient, semi-rural woodland that covered the whole area. It has been in continual use for over 400 years and has changed very little in size or shape since the 1870s. Tarman's Copse is owned by Bracknell Forest Council. The freehold was transferred to the council by the consortium of Persimmon Homes and Redrow in 2016. Tarman's Copse is designated as Ancient Woodland (Natural England & TVERC survey), and also as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) to reflect its importance for biodiversity at a county level.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Bracknell Conservation Volunteers http://www.bracknellcv.org.uk/index.html
Management comments or notes	Work will be carried out in order to enhance the nature conservation interest of the site by creating a variety of vegetated areas and habitats for different species. Tree management including coppicing will also increase the safety and security of the site for users. 1. Wildflower enhancement within the buffer areas and green corridors will increase biodiversity and aesthetic value of this habitat. 2. Tree management to ensure safety of users on principal and secondary paths to be advised by a specialist. This will include 'haloing' of Oak trees, rotational coppicing of Sweet Chestnut to open up gaps in the crown cover, encouraging woodland floor and understorey flora to flourish, retention of standing dead timber where it is safe to do so (monoliths). 3. Invasive plant removal such as laurel and rhododendron that reduce biodiversity value and limit some views within the site. Some supplementary planting of native trees and shrubs may be required in newly cleared areas to enhance natural regeneration. 4. Wildlife features such as log piles, stag beetle loggeries, bat boxes and bird boxes to be installed within different areas of the site to improve opportunities for biodiversity.
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/tarmans-copse 

Case Study 5

SANG	**Big Wood SANG** https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/big-wood https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/peacock-meadows/
LPA	Bracknell Forest Council
Description	Big Wood is a 10.7 hectare of Ancient Woodland which lies adjacent to Peacock Meadows North SANG in Jennett's Park. It is situated between peacock lane and the A329(M) and is managed as a SANG, in respect to Thames Basin Heaths SPA. The site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and is owned and managed by Bracknell Forest Council. The freehold was transferred to the council by Alice Gough Memorial Homes in 2009. There are three signposted gates allowing access from Peacock Meadow North and there is a pathway surfaced with 'hoggin' throughout the woodland, along with short sections of boardwalk in the wetter parts of the woodland.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Bracknell Forest Council (owners and managers) Woodland Trust https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/big-wood/ https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/50422/4094-big-wood.pdf
Management comments or notes	The Woodland Trust states that: "The management regime will be one of limited intervention, with natural processes largely left to shape the development of the wood: mature trees will be retained to senescence, native species will replenish the canopy through natural regeneration and deadwood volumes will build over time. The current area of open ground will be maintained as part of the wayleave beneath the power lines and to preserve the open approach to adjacent property. Intervention will be limited to maintenance of the current permissive footpath and rights of way and essential work required for visitor and neighbour safety."
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://www.outdooractive.com/en/route/hiking-route/south-east-england/peacock-meadows/49356888/?utm_source=shorturl&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=user-shared-social-content#dm=1 

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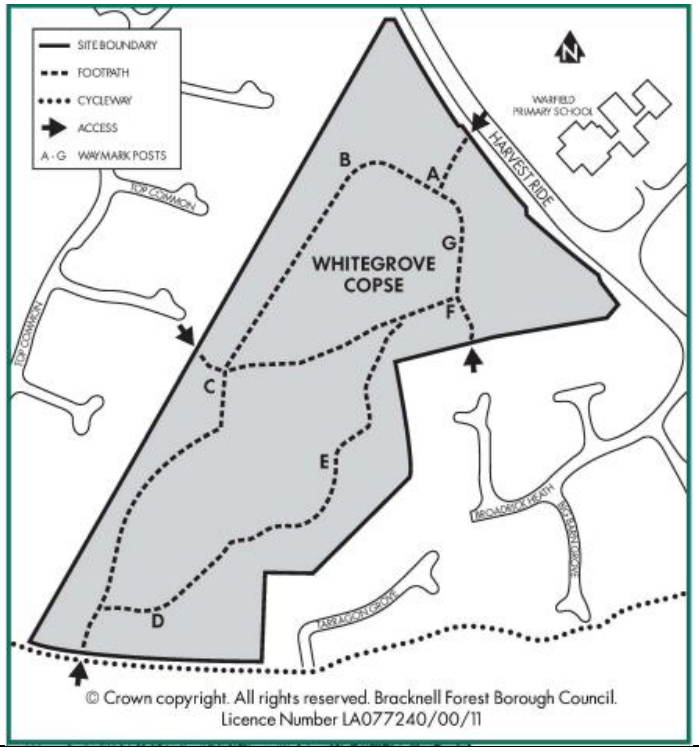
SANG	**Naishes Lane SANGS (Crookham)** https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/crookham-park/ https://www.naisheslanesangs.co.uk/discover-trails
LPA	Hart District Council, Hampshire
Description	Naishes Lane SANGS is a large area of former MOD land that has been converted back into recreational use for the local community of Church Crookham and surrounding area. The SANGS include a 2 kilometre mixed surface bridle path, and a range of other trials and informal paths. The site covers over 200 acres comprising mostly woodland and grassland. A significant proportion of the woodland in the north of the SANG is Ancient Woodland, including Ridding's Copse in the south, and Soanes Copse and Wood Copse in the north. Many of the woodland areas are also designated as Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINCs).
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Taylor Wimpey Homes Frontier Surrey
Management comments or notes	The SANG's management has recently been taken on by Frontier, Surrey, with the main management objectives are as follows: • encourage walkers to designated areas by thinning and clearing the thickets and removing the barbed wire fencing left over from the days of MOD ownership; • creation and management of the 2km surfaced bridle path, and wider network of paths, including the creation of boardwalks; • Land drainage activities so that wetter areas can be made accessible, but with selected wetlands. The General Objectives, set out by the SANG Management Plan (2018), sang-management-plan-january-2018.pdf (wordpress.com) are: • Maintain all existing footpaths leading through the woodlands in a safe condition; • Undertake an annual assessment of trees within the woodlands; • Thin dense areas of holly (particularly in Ancient Woodland Areas) • Fell, clear or thin invasive or undesirable species; • Maintain deadwood within woodlands, where safe to do so; • Creation of log piles and re-use of logs to form path edges in AW.
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://naisheslanesangs.co.uk/discover-trails


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PUBLIC FOOTPATH
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TRAIL 2
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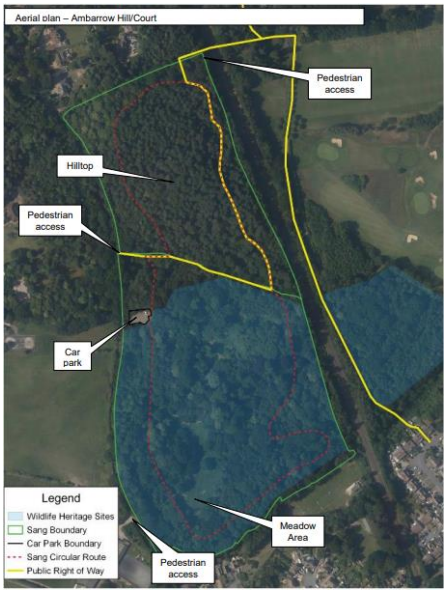
Case Study 7

SANG	**Whitegrove Copse SANG** https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/whitegrove-copse https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/whitegrove-copse.pdf
LPA	Bracknell Forest Council
Description	Whitegrove Copse is a 3.6 hectare of Ancient Woodland to the north of Bracknell which is managed as SANG, in respect to Thames Basin Heaths SPA. The site is designated as a Local Nature Reserve and a Wildlife Heritage Site and is owned and managed by Bracknell Borough Council. A figure-of-eight path is available, surfaced with 'hoggin', and with narrow wooden board bridges. The main access to the site is the north from Harvest Ride, whilst the network of paths also connect to a cyclepath to the south.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Bracknell Forest Council (owners and managers) Woodland Trust https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/whitegrove-copse/
Management comments or notes	The Woodland Trust describe Whitegrove Copse as being "actively managed to encourage plants and animals including bluebells, butterflies, crickets, blackcaps, chiffchaffs, coal tits and goldcrests. Trees and shrubs include larch, Douglas fir, Scots pine, hawthorn, hazel and crab apple. The hazel is coppiced to provide sticks for traditional woven fencing. The site is ancient coppiced woodland, and management is primarily concerned with restoring and maintaining the coppice regime, together with the path network.
Selected Maps / Photographs	From Whitegrove Copse (bracknell-forest.gov.uk). 

Case Study 8

SANG	**St Anne's SANG** https://planning.wokingham.gov.uk/fastwebpl/fulldetail.asp?AltRef=190900
LPA	Wokingham Borough Council
Description	The site contains 3.28 hectares of Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland adjacent to two permanent pasture fields. The site was approved as a SANG in 2021, in respect to Thames Basin Heaths SPA. The woodland within the western section of the site contains sections of hazel coppice as well as wet alder woodland and a notable under storey of non-native rhododendron species. A network of paths will be created throughout the SANG using natural surfacing and natural bark / stone or boardwalks in the wetter areas of the site.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	The SANG will be created by specialist consultants appointed by Kingacre Estates and it is anticipated the SANG will be managed by Wokingham Borough Council post-creation. A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan was prepared as part of the planning submission: https://publicaccess.wokingham.gov.uk/PublicAccess_Live/Document/ViewDocument?id=7C3DBC08ED0E11EAA8FA08D40C8D83B1
Management comments or notes	The Landscape and Ecological Management Plan states that the Ecological objectives with regard to the woodland are "to encourage an uneven age class structure within the woodland whilst retaining and creating a high woodland canopy; to implement rotational coppice management into existing woodland coppice areas to create a more structurally diverse woodland and enhance biodiversity; to regularly assess and monitor the woodland and amend the management as necessary to achieve the above objectives. To remove and replace the rhododendron, and other non-native invasive species within the woodland to allow the natural regeneration of native species and/or following assessment restocking with native species where necessary."
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://publicaccess.wokingham.gov.uk/PublicAccess_LIVE/SearchResult/RunThirdPartySearch?FileSystemid=PL&FOLDER1_REF=190900 

Case Study 9

SANG	**Ambarrow Hill and Court SANG** https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/ambarrow-court/
LPA	Bracknell Forest Council
Description	The site contains 0.83 hectares of Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland within the Ambarrow Court parcel, owned and managed by Bracknell Forest Council. It is designated as a SANG in respect to Thames Basin Heaths SPA The site is designated as a Local Nature Reserve and a Wildlife Heritage Site. There is a circular path around the entire site, including a ramped walkway through the woodland. Visitors access the site via the car park off Wokingham Road or via a number of pedestrian accesses.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	Bracknell Forest Council own and manage Ambarrow Court The National Trust own and manage Ambarrow Hill https://heritagerecords.nationaltrust.org.uk/HBSMR/MonRecord.aspx?uid=MNA129232
Management comments or notes	The SANG management plan for the woodland within the site includes "Selective pruning of branches of trees that overhang the paths", "existing dead stems shall be left in situ to provide wildlife habitat", "deadwood logs should be used to create log habitat piles", "Scalloping of woodland edge and maintenance of glades – to increase shelter, warmth and variety of edge habitat for invertebrates", "Dead, diseased and dangerous wood to be made safe" and "Manage and remove non-native, invasive species, promoting native woodland species".
Selected Maps / Photographs	From: https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/ambarrow-hill-and-court-osep-sang-maintenance-plan.pdf   

Case Study 10

SANG	**Land North of Tithebarns Lane, Send Marsh, Guildford.** **To be known as: 'Oldland's Copse' SANG** https://thelandtrust.org.uk/news/guildford-ancient-woodland-to-be-preserved-by-land-trust/ https://publicaccess.guildford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_GUILD_DCAPR_189132
LPA	Guildford Borough Council
Description	The SANG contains 6.5 hectares of Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland adjacent to arable farmland. The site was approved as a SANG in 2020, in respect to Thames Basin Heaths SPA. Oldland's Copse comprises native deciduous species and there are bank and ditch features at the western and eastern boundaries, and within the woodland. A walking route through the woodland is proposed to form part of the circular walk throughout the site.
Management promoters / Partners / Plan	The development is by Garlick's Arch Limited, which is ultimately owned by London Strategic Land Fund LLP. The Land Trust will take formal ownership of the SANG and then be responsible for its management. https://thelandtrust.org.uk/news/guildford-ancient-woodland-to-be-preserved-by-land-trust/
Management comments or notes	A Management Plan was submitted and approved as part of the application: https://publicaccess.guildford.gov.uk/online-applications/files/452DDC08D518D66C2FFA776328BD86A4/pdf/19_P_02240-REVISED_SANG_MANAGEMENT_PLAN-1406479.pdf This states: "The acoustic fence proposed along the A3 boundary with the woodland will be screened with hedging hawthorn, and will improve the character of the wood by blocking views of the A3 and associated traffic. In recognition of the presence of Bechstein's and barbastelle bats in the wood, and in order to promote the development of tree-roosting features for bats in the SANG woodland, the following prescriptions will be followed: 1. The woodland will be managed as a minimum-intervention Natural Reserve. 2. The only exception is to allow removal timber considered to be hazardous. 3. Any works to trees to pre-empted by inspection by suitably qualified ecologist. 4. All deadwood will be retained and allowed to stand as monoliths. 5. Any proposed changes to the management of the woodland that would result in management of woodland trees, that could impact roosting bats, will be discussed in advance with a suitably qualified ecologist and Guildford Borough Council." Also, "Oak Processionary Moth has been identified as a problem within Guildford Borough, and potentially within Oldland's Copse." Annual control operations are therefore recommended within the management plan.

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