

Nature Site Management plan 2025 onwards

All Year	Paths cleared	Cut back grass plus overhanging brambles, branches etc
	Steps repaired	
	Tussocky grass at edges	Leave grass long for overwintering caterpillars at perimeter of woods, hedges.
SPRING (March till May)		
	Grecia's meadow	Kept short, 2ins
	West Bank	Kept short, 2ins. - top to water tank. Leave long grass at edge of trees. Approx. 18inch wide strip.
SUMMER (June July, Aug)		
June	Timed insect count	10 min count of total no. of insects on 1mt sq. scrapes, (broad categories of creatures)
July	Big Butterfly count	See national website for details.
SWT hit squad session 23 rd July	New top meadows, Scrapes, East flower bank, Banks below both ponds	Cut back & clear
	Hemp agrimony, Rosebay willow herb	Pull up, cut off flowering heads, cut down to ground. (see below)
	Rosebay Willow herb patch	Small patch at top east bank new meadows to be left to flower for moths.
	Hogweed	WARNING , can cause blisters if sap gets on skin. Stop this spreading, cut down esp seeding heads.
	Grecia's meadow	Kept short, 2ins
	West Bank	Kept short, 2ins - top to water tank. Leave long grass at edge of trees. Approx. 18inch wide strip.
AUTUMN (Sept, Oct, Nov)		
SWT hit squad session, Oct.	New top meadows, Scrapes, East flower bank, Banks below both ponds	Cut back & clear
	Grecia's meadow	Kept short, 2ins
	West Bank	Kept short, 2ins, - top to water tank. Leave long grass at edge of trees. Approx. 18inch wide strip.
Nov or Dec	Ponds, large & small	Thin out growth, create some open water for dragonflies. Leave thinnings on side (24 hrs min) for creatures to crawl back into pond.
WINTER (Dec, Jan, Feb)		
	Tree areas, dogrose corner	Cut back brambles, thin or take out unwanted suckers & branches.
	Crab-apple corner	Cut back to 2inches, from water tank down to path.
	Coppicing	All mature Hazels to ground level every 5-7 years.