

## **Loseley Estate Report**

Bummore Copse is a broadleaved woodland spanning about 19 hectares, with nearly two-thirds being ancient semi-natural woodland.

Recently, mature (non-native) poplar trees were cut down for safety, and because they become brittle and hazardous over time. Ash trees infected with ash dieback disease were also removed, focusing on the Polestead Lane frontage and other areas of high public access.

Alongside this alder trees were coppiced, resulting in some impressive regrowth over the past year, this promises another crop for the future. Alders are well-suited to the wet conditions here and are less likely to be browsed by deer.

Some of the leftover wood was stacked into habitat piles, or windrows. These may appear untidy, however they provide important shelter for insects, birds, and fungi, boosting the woodlands biodiversity.

Looking forward, management will involve removing ash trees affected by ash dieback and, if needed, restocking any cleared spaces. Natural regeneration is preferred, allowing seed trees to self-sow and maintain a continuous mix of tree ages, further enriching the woodland's biodiversity.

The recent drainage works carried out by the estate will help to improve access.