

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2025

This Management Programme applies to the areas shown on Drawing 10167/75A which have been permanently restored. The extent of these areas has been agreed with Kirklees Council.

**A All Areas**

- 1 Inspect all areas for thistles, docks or other pernicious weeds - spray with approved weedkiller in May/June and repeat as necessary until eradicated - remove dead material to tip.
- 2 remove all litter and debris from site as necessary.
- 3 spray any Japanese Knotweed and sycamore seedlings that emerge with 'Glyphosate' as necessary until eradicated from the site.
- 4 Clear the stream of debris and any undesirable sediment.
- 5 Inspect Newt fencing on a regular basis and repair where necessary.

**B Woodland**

- 1 prune back alder and willow to encourage coppiced forms after year three and remove clippings to tip.
- 2 apply Kerb 50w as necessary to compartments with heavy infestation of weeds in November.
- 3 carry out inspection of planting stock to ascertain health and condition biannually in August; prepare schedule of required replacements.
- 4 all dead or dying trees, shrubs and ground cover to be replaced the first available season following August inspections.
- 5 cut back in November and remove to tip any branches which overhang and shade the waterside habitats annually.
- 6 Monitor species colonisation and allow natural colonisation to occur undisturbed.
- 7 Prune out deadwood, broken branches and twin stemmed or double leaders to ensure quality trees.
- 8 Maintain the hedges at a height to be agreed.

**C Wetland Margins**

- 1 monitor the length of and diversity of habitats along the water's edge.
- 2 remove Sycamore and any other non-native seedlings not wanted, take waste to tip

**D Wetland Areas**

- 1 carry out inspection of the pond to ascertain health and condition in August; prepare schedule of necessary works to maintain water condition and level.
- 2 monitor the flora and fauna annually. Great crested Newts to be surveyed in Spring.
- 3 allow native aquatic species to invade and develop to the pond area.

- 4 keep two thirds of the pond area as open water by control of the marginal reed beds as necessary.
- 5 clear any invasive vegetation which colonises the water in November.
- 6 any control of algae levels to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority and the Environment Agency.

**E Footpaths & Fencing**

- 1 Inspect footpaths annually and carry out work as necessary to ensure the underlying material is firm yet free draining and make good any low spots.
- 2 Dress as necessary the surface with fine gritstone to ensure an even covering not less than 25mm deep is maintained.
- 3 Spray edges with approved weedkiller to define footpath edges.
- 4 Inspect all posts and rails to fencing and repair or replace as necessary to achieve stock proof barrier.

**2025 Annual Report - to be submitted to Kirklees 1 month prior to annual meeting**

- 1 Aftercare aims and objectives.
- 2 Report on previous year's maintenance programme and outcomes
- 3 Next year's maintenance programme of works

Report to be submitted by 1 July 2025 with annual meeting to be held around 1 August 2025

**Attachment**

Results of Great Crested Newt monitoring surveys 2021: ERAP (Consultant Ecologists)

Note that the results of the 2024 Great Crested Newt monitoring survey carried out by ERAP is expected in December 2024.