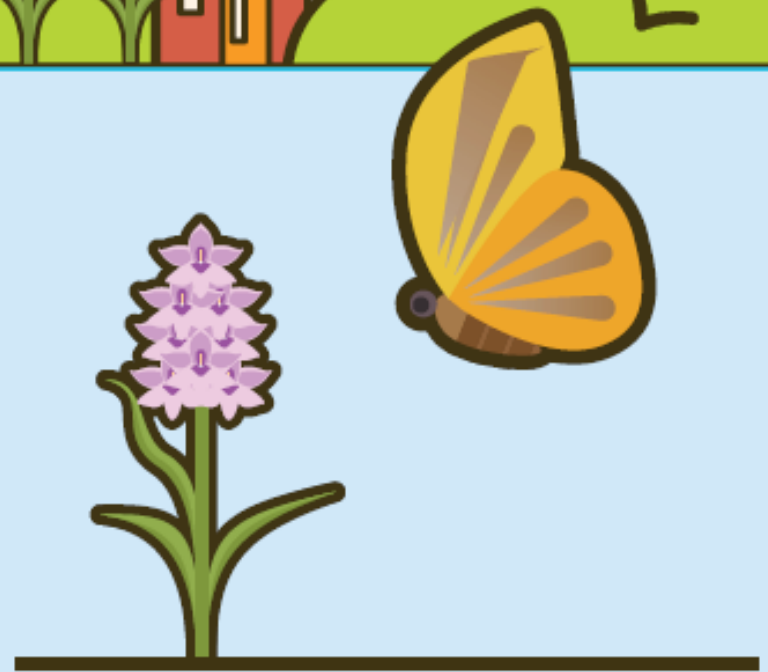




# SPRING INTO SUMMER



## Wonderful Woodlands

Telford is blessed with a bounty of woodlands across our borough. With 2500 hectares of woodland, including 633 hectares of ancient woodland on your doorstep experiencing the magic of being able to walk through these leafy, magical wonderlands spotting wildlife, hunting for conkers or simply just appreciating the peace and quiet has never been so accessible

Throughout the seasons these areas of peace and tranquillity are alive and thriving, waiting to spring into growth after their winter slumber. Woodlands provide endless opportunities for recreation, enjoyment and support a huge range of biodiversity.

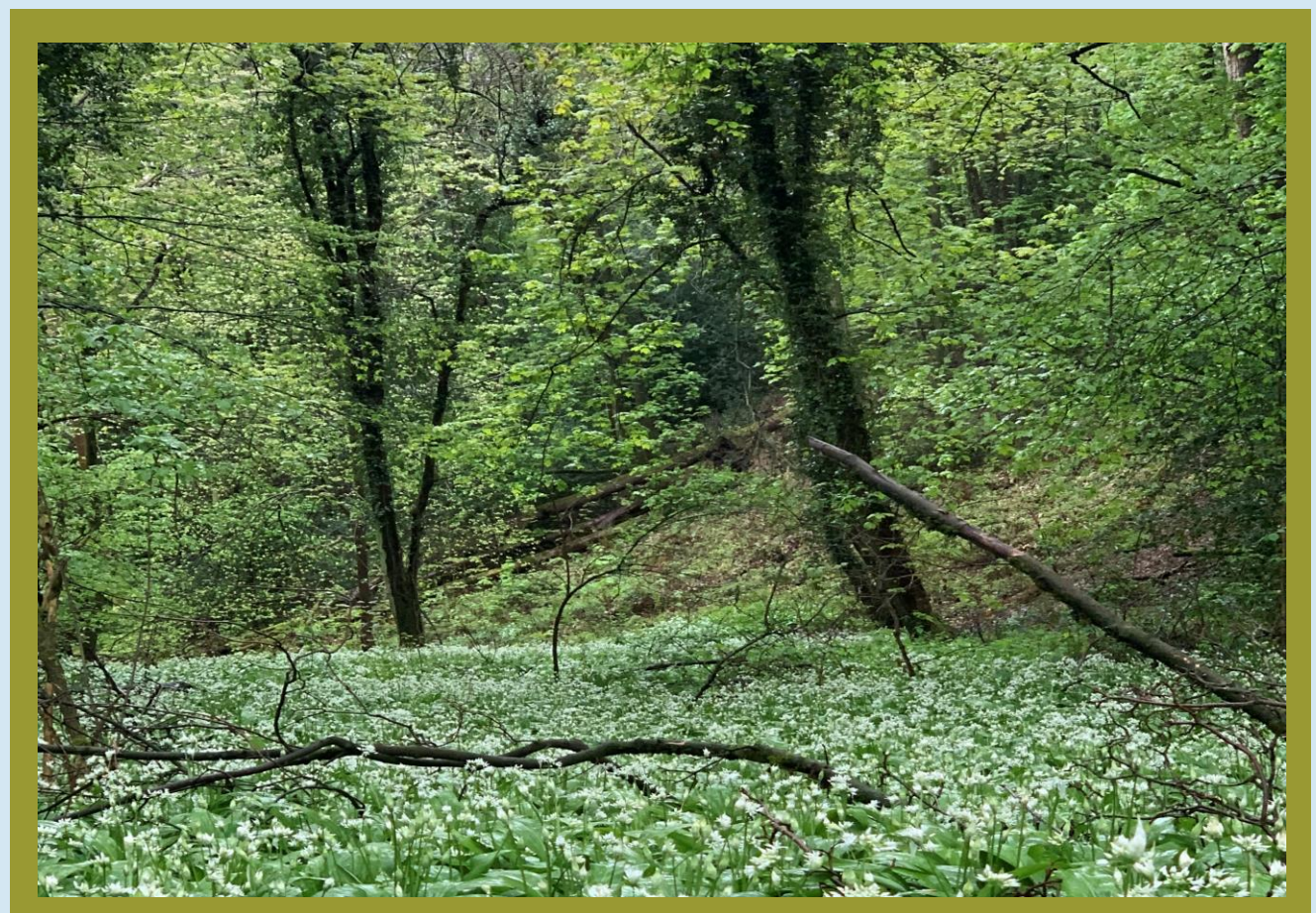
Our ancient woodland sites have been continuously wooded since 1600 AD. Ancient woodland is considered irreplaceable since even where the trees have been felled and replanted, or have naturally regenerated, the rich seed bank contains a diversity of ground flora which cannot be replaced or recreated. At these sites you can find native blue bells, wood anemone, lesser celandine, opposite leaved golden saxifrage and wood sorrel.

## Woodlands as working landscapes

The woodlands of the borough have historically been both active habitats as well as working environments since wood fuel first became a vital part of the innovative activities that were developed and then perfected here.

Nowhere is that clearer than at Limekiln Woods Local Nature Reserve, an ancient woodland close to the Wrekin, although the site is ancient the trees are relatively young since the woodland was historically used as a wood fuel resource. The site was first used for the production of carboniferous limestone as early as the thirteenth century.

In this woodland area today you can see evidence of mining and quarrying activity as well as the half hidden limekilns from which the woodland takes its name. Trees and woodland vegetation have reclaimed the site, but its industrial heritage cannot be denied.



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