

### Norfolk & Suffolk Woodlands Topic Group

#### Area of interest:

Trees, woods, wood pasture, orchards

#### Purpose of this group is to:

- Manage the woodland biodiversity actions plans for Black Poplar, Orange Fruited Elm Lichen, lowland broadleaved deciduous woodland, lowland wood pasture, wet woodland and orchards.
- Manage projects e.g. The Norfolk and Suffolk County Wildlife Site Woodland Improvement Project.
- Organise conferences e.g. The conference in Nov 2012 at Ickworth, and we are currently working with Forest Research and Woodland Heritage to organise an international conference on Acute Oak Decline that is affecting the landscape biodiversity and commercial oak timber value in Norfolk and Suffolk. We are currently looking for funding for a conference early in 2013 at Staverton, Suffolk. *(Developing a programme and costs. Partly funded by Woodland Heritage and the N&S WWG).*
- Undertake surveys such as an Acute Oak Decline survey in Norfolk and Suffolk's historic parks and ancient woodlands, and the many orchard projects.
- Funding to support the innovative use of broadleaved wood that is currently under utilised. *(Develop a support programme and costs. Funding required)*
- Support the managing woods for timber/wood, biodiversity, climate change resilience, reduction of energy poverty etc. *(Continue to work with the Forestry Commission, EWTP)*
- Support woodland creation for people, nature and the green economy *(Continue to work with the Forestry Commission and the GLT, promote centres of excellence, produce case studies)*
- Instigate an initial survey of forestry sector businesses within the possible Thetford Forest woodland enterprise Zone. Looking at Current businesses, wood usage, processing, Learning & development, CPD training, Innovation, opportunities, adapting to P,P,Ds, species change and energy use, markets, marketing and cooperative working.
- Work in partnership with schools, colleges and universities to promote career opportunities, develop silvicultural management courses and CPD training.



#### Action plans hosted by this group:

##### Habitats:

- Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland
- Lowland Wood-pasture and Parkland
- Traditional Orchards
- Wet woodland

##### Species:

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## Topic Group profile

- Native Black poplar
- Orange fruiting elm lichen

### Associated projects:

Conferences	New FC grants for Norfolk	TPO for OFELichen tree
CWS status for orchards	Propagation of Norfolk varieties	Variety of biodiversity surveys of orchards
CWS woodland project	Record, propagate black poplars	Veteran tree project
Deer parks project	Seed collection	Wet woodland project
Development of markets	Series of training courses	Woodland CWS surveys
Guided walks	Survey of orchard loss	TPO for OFELichen tree
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### Meetings:

Joint Chairs: Gerry Barnes (UEA) and Gary Battell (Suffolk County Council)

Group meets about twice a year dependent on need

Members: Membership is dynamic of course but includes:

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Andina	NWT	Gilbert Addison	BDC
Walmesley			
Andrea Kelly	Broads Authority	Harry Barnett	Private Consultant
Andrew Falcon	Private Consultant	James Baker	Greenways Project
Anne Crotty	Norfolk County Council	John Ebbage	Natural England
Ben Heather	Suffolk County Council	Kevin West	Landowner
Ben Hogben	Forestry Commission	Mark Pritchard	Greenlight Trust
Bob Lever	Private Consultant	Nick Coleman	Private Consultant
Colin Hawes	Private Consultant	Patrick Robinson	Natural England
Crispen Hawker	Private Consultant	Patsy Dallas	Private Consultant
David Hooton	Deer Initiative	Paul Read	Private Consultant
David Mitchell	MSDC	Pete Fordham	Bradfield Woods
Diana	Private Consultant	Rod Pass	Private Consultant
MacMullen			
Dorothy Casey	Suffolk WLT	Rory Hart	Private Consultant
Erica Murray	Broads Authority	Sarah Cunningham	Farm Conservation Limited
Gary Battell	Suffolk County Council	Sid Cooper	WFE
Gen Broad	Suffolk County Council	Trevor Wright	Forestry Commission
Gerry Barnes	University East Anglia		

The meetings are also attended by the NBP Co-ordinator.

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