



Oakley Woodlands Group

Oakley Woodlands Group is an active conservation group working to maintain Cowdown and St John's copses as community woodlands. It was formed in 1997 under the guidance of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.



Both copses are a mix of hazel and oak and have previously been commercially coppiced. We now coppice for the environmental benefit. If left unmanaged, the biodiversity in the woods would decrease, as the hazel shields the woodland floor from light.

The group has work sessions four times a month during winter to coppice hazel. In addition, we make charcoal and sell products that arise

from the coppicing. The work sessions take place on Saturday and Wednesday mornings from 10am to 1pm. New volunteers are always welcome. We supply all tools, safety equipment, training and coffee and biscuits.

Coppicing produces timber, and rather than burn it, the group offers a number of products for sale including: Pea sticks, Bean poles, Charcoal, Firewood, and occasionally items made by group members.



For details of work parties

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