

Brownhill Woodland Creation Objectives:

- People: Community Engagement & Recreation
 - Create an area of the woodland dedicated to commemoration, a contemplative space
 - Establish a safe, accessible outdoor space for recreation
 - Encourage community involvement and volunteering in the planning and management of the woodland
 - Generate a sense of ownership, a woodland that is for the people of Wales
 - Take opportunities to provide economic benefits locally, in keeping with other objectives
 - Take opportunities for research and education, particularly linked to creating new resilient woodlands
- Biodiversity
 - Increase the connectivity of existing habitats in the landscape
 - Retain and enhance existing semi-natural habitat features, such as wet woodland, hedgerows and hedgerow/ in field trees and grassland
 - Establish and maintain open space and edge habitat within the woodland, to increase habitat diversity and connectivity
 - Increase habitat resilience through use of tree species well suited to the site, reflecting what is already present locally, and by introducing greater diversity of species suited to future site conditions
 - Carefully design public access infrastructure on the site in such a way that areas of high sensitivity for biodiversity are undisturbed
- Landscape and historic environment
 - Create a woodland that is visually appealing and in keeping with the Tywi Valley landscape character and the Tywi valley historic landscape character area, notably that is in keeping with the enclosure pattern, distinctive hedgerow trees (mature oaks) and wood pasture
 - Identify historic features and ensure they are sensitively incorporated into the woodland design
- Timber
 - Allow for future forest management for soft and hardwood timber to maintain the future supply of homegrown timber in Wales
 - Utilise a broad species diversity, focussing particularly on lesser used/emerging species that will suit the future climate of Wales
- Water Management
 - Work with the Tywi restoration project and take opportunities for restoring natural processes in the river channel, flood plain and surrounding vegetation
 - Develop riparian corridors
 - Enhance the Twyi River SSSI/SAC through reduced runoff and pollution and taking advantage of opportunities to restore natural processes in the floodplain that will have beneficial effects on the SAC/SSSI status
 - Take opportunities to enhance water quality, and use good forestry practice to avoid any negative impacts on water quality in creating the woodland and in future forest management