

Wilder Woodlands

What's going on?

Avon Wildlife Trust, in partnership with neighbouring landowners and with funding from Natural England, are undertaking an ambitious project (Wilder Woodlands) that will improve the local woodland's suitability for four key species: the hazel dormouse, lesser & greater horseshoe bats, and the barbastelle bat. Improving the woodland for these species will improve the overall health of the entire woodland and all species that rely on it.



(hazel dormouse)



(greater horseshoe bat)

How will woodland health be improved?

The majority of AWT's Goblin Combe is a plantation woodland. As such it is overly dense (and so dark) and is low in diversity in both structure and species.

Increasing diversity will be achieved by selective tree removal (which will increase light levels), allowing different plant and tree species to germinate and thrive. This diversity will in turn be maintained with the help of local volunteers and a small number of livestock (cattle & goats).