

About the Woodland Trust



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- The Woodland Trust was established in 1972 by Kenneth Watkins
- It is now the UK's leading woodland conservation charity
- It cares for more than 1,000 woods across the UK, covering 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres) of land and has 300,000 supporters
- This includes over 80 sites in Scotland and more than 9000 Scottish members

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Why does woodland matter?



- Woods are invaluable for the wildlife they support, their social and recreational benefit to people, and for their own intrinsic beauty
- The UK is one of the least wooded places in Europe. Only 12 per cent of the UK is wooded, compared to an average of 44 per cent in other parts of Europe
- Much of the UK's native broadleaved woodland, particularly ancient woodland, has already been lost and much of what remains is under threat

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What is ancient woodland?

The Facts

- The UK is one of Europe's least wooded countries
- Ancient woodland is home to more threatened species than any other habitat in the UK
- Half of the ancient broadleaved woodland that had survived until the 1930s has now been lost
- 85% of ancient woodland has no legal designation to protect it from threats

- Ancient Woodland has been continuously wooded for many hundred of years and is one of the great glories of our natural heritage
- Ancient woodland is the last remaining link with the original wildwood, which covered the UK after the last Ice Age
- Ancient woodland now accounts for only around 2 per cent of the UK's landscape

Trust objective:

Preventing further loss of ancient woodland



- Ancient and semi-natural woods are a vitally important, irreplaceable wildlife habitat linked to the past
- Ancient woods have been there for many hundreds of years and have evolved a complex ecosystem that makes them our most valuable wildlife habitat
- Ancient semi-natural woodland covers just over 1 per cent of Scotland's land area







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