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**Sawpit Lane**



<b>Location</b>		500-yard lane encircling Tunmore Fields and Tunmore Farmhouse, consisting of 2 distinct sections:
<b>Features</b>	o	<b>Southern Flank - From Merrow Cottage to Hatchlands Gate:</b> Byway Open to All Traffic flanked by an old and overgrown hedgerow on its western site and high walls and fences of The Old Parsonage on the eastern side.
	o	<b>Northern Flank - From Hatchlands Gate to Stuart Cottage:</b> Gravel and grass track flanked by ditches, tall hedgerows and some mature trees on each side.
<b>History</b>	o	In recent years the previously quite overgrown southern section was cut back so wide as to allow the return of "Green Laning" off-road vehicles in the winter time. The management of this section has to take account of these users.
<b>Habitats</b>		Woodland corridor, hedgerows and ditches
<b>Species Priority</b>	✓	Lichens on walls. Fungi on dead and rotting elm trees and logs. Mature Oaks. Standing dead wood Rhodotus palmatus (Wrinkled Peach) fungi - will become more and more rare as the last remaining elm wood rots away (or is burned on yet another bonfire)
<b>Current Management</b>	o	From the Old Post House to Merrow Cottage the lane is a gravel roadway managed and/or manicured by the home-owners.
	o	The rest of the <b>Southern Flank</b> is largely left untouched except for damage done by the above-mentioned off-roading vehicles and the trees and stumps they cut back with their own tools.
	o	The <b>Northern</b> flank is generally unmanaged but occasionally edged by the Forte Estate in the autumn/winter to allow easy access for the pheasant shooting parties.
<b>Management Guidance</b>	1	<b>The Southern Flank</b> - should be left to regenerate itself as naturally as possible with no cutting or planting, except for occasional clearing of fallen trees that are obstructing the access. Dead logs, trees and occasional bramble cuttings should be heaped and preserved as habitat for a variety of creatures. Standing dead wood should be left until it falls.
	2	<b>The Northern Flank</b> - The Forte Estate should be encouraged to occasionally clear the ditches along the south side to ensure they do not fill up with vegetation. They should also be asked to reduce the height of some sections of the northern hedgerow, leaving a mix of high, medium and low shrubs along that border, including windows of the fine northerly view.
	3	Fly tipped materials dumped near the Hatchlands Gate should be moved to the end of the lane opposite Stuart Cottage where the council will collect it.