

Latest Activity in **your** Linslade Wood

There has been extensive felling along the main ride, largely to let in more light to encourage a healthy ground and shrub layer, and also to help dry up some of the wetter areas. Most of the piles of brash will be left as habitat piles for ground-nesting birds and small mammals. The plan for a grass cutting regime is to work on one side at a time in alternate years, so that invertebrates, including butterflies, that depend on grasses and low growing plants will have a chance to lay eggs and hatch.

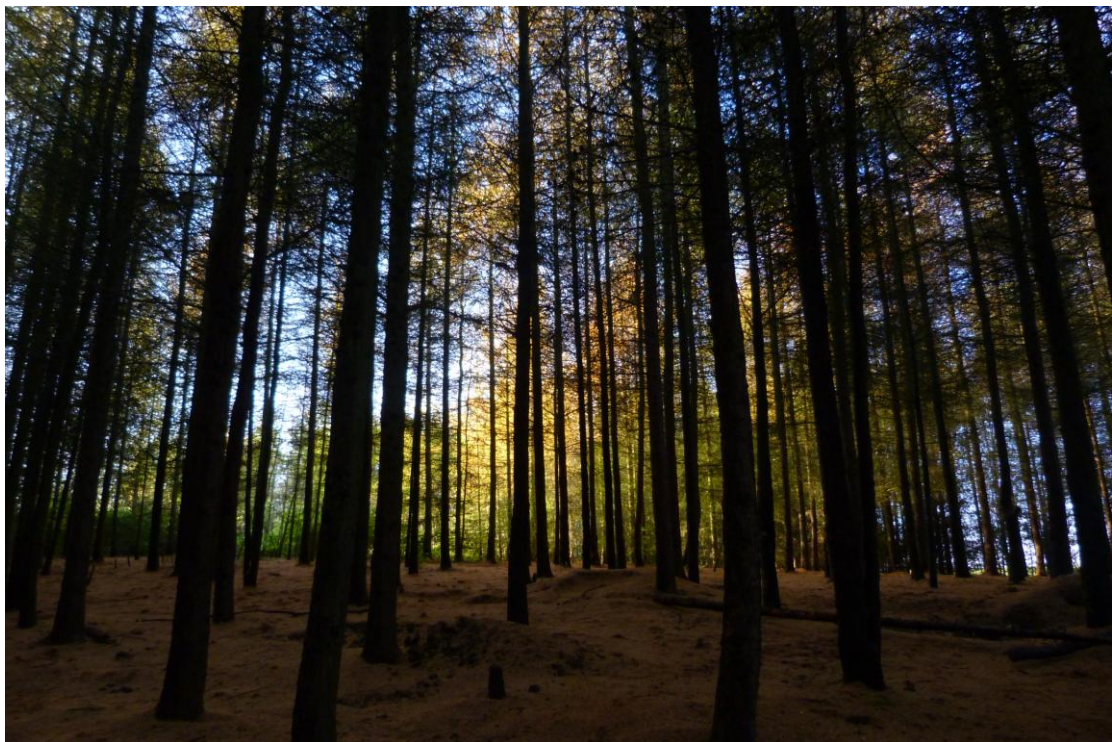


Letting the light in!

There has also been some cutting back of bramble and encroaching Hawthorn in the orchid-rich area near the small pond; this is to stop the orchids and other plants from being shaded out. The pond has now got frog-spawn in it, and there are plenty of other small water-loving insects in it and in some of the small wet flushes. However, they are all at risk from the enthusiastic visitations of dogs and we hope that wherever possible responsible owners will deter their dogs from jumping in the water.



The Main Ride 2015



Sunlight through the trees!

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