



The
**SHERWOOD
FOREST
TRUST**



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Key projects

APRIL 22

- Parliament Oak – We completed a fencing project to protect the tree and its site with funding from the Woodland Trust, and fence erected by Andy Hollis
- Sherwood Heath – We helped Newark & Sherwood District Council to retain its green flag status. Activities incl. butterfly, bat, moth, glow worm, and bird walks, easter egg scavenger hunt, yoga and sound bath
- Planted Ian's memorial tree
- Queen's Green Canopy tree planting for the Jubilee was approved, for planting at Grange Farm



MAY 22



- The foundations for the polytunnel were dug out for the Sherwood seedbank
- WWII - VE Day at RSPB recreating POW Mosaic with the public
- Business Strategy 2023-2025 approved and published



JUNE 22

- Major Oak Woodland Festival – Organized in conjunction with RSPB at the National Nature Reserve. First festival since the covid pandemic.
- Himalayan balsam pulling at Sherwood Heath
- WWII - RAF personnel WWII family/local history research session

JULY 22



- Himalayan Balsam pulling at Sherwood Heath
- Presentation to Severn Trent for funding - 'Sherwood's Forgotten Heaths'
- WWII - Home Educating families attend Brackenhurst for an Evacuee experience day

AUGUST 22

- KD jets off to South America!
- Nottinghamshire day - Celebrating the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of our county



SEPTEMBER 22

- Cleared around Ian's tree
- WWII - Tourism Videos and Website Launched
- Commissioned to update the State of Nature in Sherwood Report

The State of Nature in Sherwood Report 2023

Did you know the Sherwood Forest and Newark area is full of Second World War history to explore?

SCAN HERE TO VISIT THE SPIRIT OF WARTIME SHERWOOD TRAIL WEBSITE

OCTOBER 22

- Lynn is appointed Community Woodland Creation Officer
- Sherwood Seedbank - 20m Polytunnel installed
- Seed hunt – 150 people collected 30,000 acorns in Sherwood Forest
- Bug hotel - won 3rd place in the scarecrow competition
- WWII - Sharing local Second World War history at the 1940's festival as part of our Spirit of Wartime Sherwood Project
- Annual fungi walk
- Ratcher Hill sand quarry heathland restoration works



NOVEMBER 22

- KD returns!
- £500 community grant from NSDC for the Sherwood Seedbank
- 5,000 acorns planted at the Sherwood Seedbank
- National Tree Week
- WWII - Post-16 College group at National Holocaust Centre learning about identity and tolerance using POW research, Holocaust galleries and creative arts
- Lynn and Matt meeting landowners to plan Trees for Climate Schemes including Coxmore, Gunthorpe, Kirklington and Retford Golf Club
- Lynn completed Forest School training





DECEMBER 22

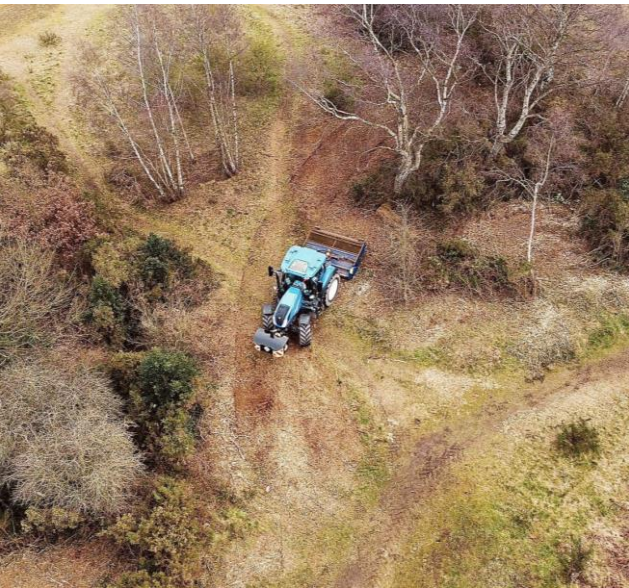
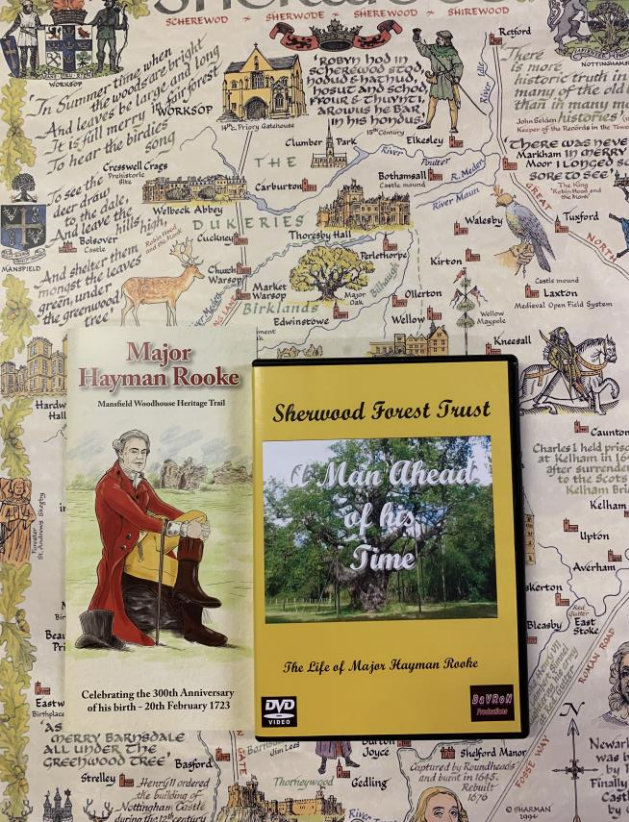
- Neutral ground – this was the pilot for the lowland heathland work that drew in funding from Severn Trent
- Joined forces with the wider Trees for Climate team to mark up a new woodland creation scheme at Bestwood County Park.
- Joined in the Mansfield BOM with the Notts Biodiversity Action Group
- Gabriella joined us as Forestry Roots Trainee



JANUARY 23

- Neutral Ground – continuing our conservation work
- Oak Tree Heath restoration – litter picking and restoration after fire
- WWII - Archaeology work carried out with college and the public, plus Nottingham University work experience students supporting
- Tree for Climate tree planting event in Rainworth with Notts Community Housing Association
- New Trees for Climate schemes secured at Caunton, Blidworth, Syerston, Tresswell and Norwell
- Katie & Lynn hosted a stall at The 1975 concert to promote SFT





FEBRUARY 23

- Trees For Climate tree planting
- Collaborations for tree planting with local schools, including Sir John Sherbrooke in Calverton, Nottingham Trent University, and Recycling Ollerton and Boughton (ROB)
- First year of Severn Trent funding, beginning to restore 20ha of heathland
- Filled the raised beds at the Sherwood Seedbank
- Erected Ian's sign
- M2M – Major Hayman Rooke 300th anniversary of his birth



MARCH 23

- T4C tree planting – With help from Mansfield Building Society, Aviva, Floral Media, KPMG Nottingham
- SFT filming for Countryfile!
- Linda retired
- WWII - Oral History – Hidden Histories of Sherwood Forest
- Patrick planted a Sherwood Oak in US Ambassador's garden
- Free Oak trees to Parish and Town Councils in Newark and Sherwood including ceremonial planting of an oak on Southwell Burgage
- Attendance at Southwell Green Fair

Continuing projects

- The Sherwood Seedbank
- SFT Woodland Festival 2024
- Trees for Climate
- Miner2Major
- Lowland Heathland Project – Severn Trent
- Spirit of Wartime Sherwood

