

Lord Ancrum's Wood Newsletter

Autumn/Winter

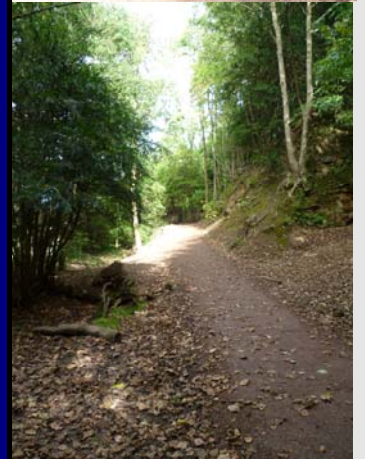
Welcome to the 2011 Winter edition of the Lord Ancrum's Wood Newsletter brought to you by the Forestry Commission Staff at Newbattle Abbey College.

New paths and gates

We have finished installing gates to try and reduce the accessibility for illegal motorbikes on the main path network within the woodland. The second phase of path work from the Ice House to Basically Tool Hire, to reinstate the section of path that subsided, is due to be carried out October/November 2011. Here are a couple of comments from our web site.

- "More people using woods now because of the new paths, saw tree creeper, blue tit, great tit, robins, chaffinch and I think a nuthatch although I know they are not that common this far north."
- "A quite excellent network of paths suitable for walking, gentle cycling and wheelchair users."

Please feel free to add your own comments at
www.forestry.gov.uk/lordancrumswood



Winter Wander in Lord Ancrum's wood



We will be leading two guided walks at 10:00 and 13:00 on Sunday 27 November.

You can find out how to identify trees in winter and hear some winter woodland folklore.

Meet at the Forestry Commission office, at Newbattle Abbey College, Newbattle Abbey Road. Places are free but booking is essential- please call 01555 660190 or email scottishlowlands@forestry.gsi.gov.uk to reserve your place.

Christmas at Newbattle Abbey will be on Saturday 19 November, 11am-4pm. Parking is available. Adults £2- children free.

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Forest Management Plan update

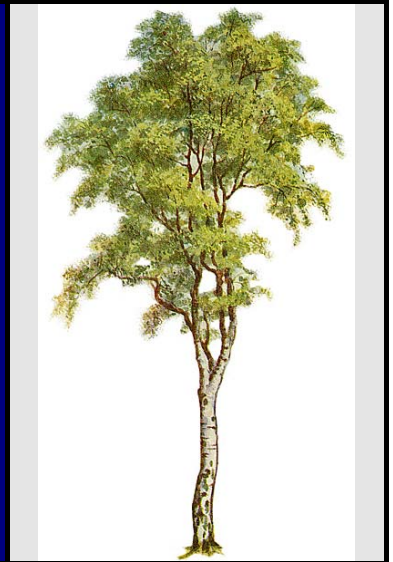
We are in the process of developing a longer term management plan (Forest Design Plan or FDP) for Lord Ancrum's Wood. This is taking a little longer than hoped but we plan to have an approved plan by March 2012. Once we have a final draft plan there will be an opportunity to view the plan and make any comments. For more information please contact John Ogilvie at john.ogilvie@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or on 07887 822525.

Tree Species in Lord Ancrum's Wood

Although this is a relatively small woodland, there are many different tree species to be found. Here are some of the trees you will come across, along with a name for the tree from the distant past of myth and legend.

Willow	Tree of Enchantment
Ash	World Tree/Tree of Life
Yew	Tree of Resurrection/Tree of Eternity
Hazel	Tree of Knowledge
Hawthorn	May Tree
Birch	Lady of the Woods
Oak	Great Oak

In subsequent editions of the newsletter we will focus on one of these tree species at a time and expand on the facts and folklore of that tree!



Autumn Art Attack



Leaf windows

Fold a piece of A4 sugar paper or thin card in half, then fold it again. Cut a window into the joining edge. When you open the folded paper once you should have created a window through the paper. Open up the remaining fold and stick brightly coloured leaves in between. Use a glue stick to close the folds to create your leaf window. Place your leaf window in a light window and enjoy the bright autumn colours.

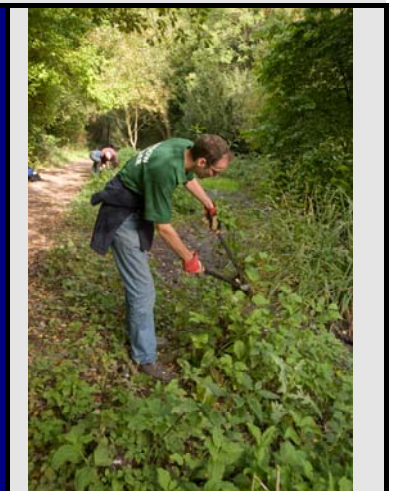
Volunteer opportunity with Forestry Commission and BTCV

Have you ever wondered what we get up to in the woods?

From now until March 2012 we have a new exciting project for volunteers. BTCV and Forestry Commission Scotland have joined forces to offer volunteer taster days on Forestry Commission land and Lord Ancrum's wood will be one of them.

The first session will be on Monday 28th November at 10am until 1pm. Look out for more information about the day and for future volunteer opportunities or contact us on the number and email below.

Come and join us to learn more about your local neighbourwood



We would love to hear from you with your views, comments or stories.

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