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Ufd111. High/Priors Wood (47.0 ha) TL 538305

This is one of the largest ancient woods in the district. It is mostly dominated by Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) coppice, some Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) coppice and with Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards throughout. Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Midland Hawthorn (*C. laevigata*) and Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) are found in the shrub layer. Amongst a varied ground flora are numerous ancient woodland specialists, such as Oxlip (*Primula elatior**), Herb Paris (*Paris quadrifolia**), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula**), Early Dog-violet (*Viola reichenbachiana*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Common Twayblade (*Listera ovata**), Hairy St John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) and Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*).

LoWS Selection Criteria: HCr1(a)

Condition and Management Issues: Maintenance of an active coppice cycle would be of great benefit to habitat diversity and flora richness.

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