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### **Ufd156. Robin's Grove/Hills Wood (8.5 ha) TL 566392**

These two contiguous ancient woods have been largely restocked with conifers, although less emphatically so than the adjacent Martin's Wood, so that the semi-natural broadleaved regrowth in between the conifers gives more of a mixed woodland feel over much of the site. The native tree and shrub assemblage is varied, though sparse, and includes Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana*\*). Species of note amongst the ground flora include Wood Millet (*Milium effusum*), Three-veined Sandwort (*Moehringia trinervia*), Giant Fescue (*Festuca gigantea*), Oxlip (*Primula elatior*\*), Greater Burnet Saxifrage (*Pimpinella major*\*), Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*) and Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*). The main ride supports an interesting marshy grassland habitat typified by Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Jointed Rush (*Juncus articulatus*), Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*) and Tufted Hair-grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*).

**LoWS Selection Criteria:** HCr1(a)

**Condition and Management Issues:** The ground flora is limited by the generally dense shade cast by the planted canopy, although this wood is in better overall condition than those to the west. Replacement with a semi-natural broadleaved canopy and understorey would still be desirable.

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