

washed fritillary (*Argynnis paphia*), common fan-foot (*Pechipogo strigilata*), great oak beauty (*Hypomecis roboraria*), orange moth (*Angerona prunaria*) and the dead wood specialist moths *Schiffermuellerina grandis* and *Oecophora bractella*. The reason for this incredible diversity is the historical management of the forest and the subsequent mosaic of habitats present.

Monkwood is jointly owned and managed by Butterfly Conservation and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Part of the wood is managed as coppice with standards with wide rides maintained in many areas. It contains a number of nationally and regionally important butterflies and moths such as wood white (*Leptidea sinapis*), white-letter hairstreak (*Satyrrium w-album*), silver cloud (*Egira conspicillaris*) and lead-coloured pug

Shading of ride edges.

4. Current Action

4.1 Local protection

A large part (over 1700 hectares) of the Wyre Forest is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and just over 500 hectares is a National Nature Reserve (NNR). Other parts of the forest have Local Wildlife Site (LWS) status. Monkwood is a SSSI.

4.2 Site management and programmes of action

Ride-side coppicing carried out at Monkwood by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

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