



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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