



## **Coppicing in Catts Wood soon**

MSDC have recently discussed with Friends of Ashenground and Bolnore Woods the proposals for coppicing of the chestnut in Catts Wood. Coppicing is the periodic cutting of coppice trees (properly known as 'stools') which encourages strong regrowth and extends the life of the tree by encouraging root growth within the ground. The overall objective is to encourage maximum biodiversity in the wood, which is best given by varied age structure and habitats.

Typically, coppicing takes place on a 10-20 year cycle, and that in Catts Wood is much overdue. In fact, this coppicing is a legal planning requirement under by the ecological remedial measures for this part of Bolnore Village.

MSDC have now confirmed that the project will start in the next few weeks, and will be undertaken in several stages (with intervals of several years between stages). Some areas will always be left un-coppiced to provide a visual buffer between Cattswood Lane and the Relief Road in the cutting to its west.

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