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*Sirius Wood
needs YOU*



**SIRIUS WOOD,
BARROW CASTLE,
BATH, BA2 2QR**

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Sirius Wood History & Background

Sirius Wood is one of 33 woods planted in partnership with the Woodland Trust throughout the UK in autumn 2005 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Each wood replaces the number and type of trees that it took to build one of the ships at the Battle. The woodland was opened on October 19th 2005 by Nelson's great, great, great granddaughter at a public ceremony which included a number of local dignitaries and school children.

Sirius Wood comprises 2,500 native British broadleaf trees and nearly a mile of new traditional English hedging. Almost a thousand children from local schools took part on the planting and a number of local people are commemorated on plaques on some of the trees.

The wood borders the south west edge of the city of Bath and overlooks beautiful countryside. It is used daily by many people going for walks (often with their dogs). It has been used by the neighbouring Culverhay secondary school for environmental projects. It also provides an important habitat for many local birds and animals, especially providing an important woodland corridor for the greater horse-shoe bats that nest in the old Bath stone quarries to enable them to reach their summer feeding grounds.

The wood is managed by a committee of 6 trustees, mainly from the local area:

- Professor Peter Hawkins (Chairman)
- Bill Davies (Treasurer)
- David Bland (Publicity)
- Sam Francis (School liaison)
- Jane George (School liaison)
- Michaela von Britzche (Woodland Garden)

Friends of Sirius Wood

The project aims to encourage conservation and a deeper understanding of the roles trees play in protecting our environment, while at the same time providing a fitting memorial of the 200th anniversary of the death of Lord Nelson, the country's greatest ever naval hero. Our goals from the outset were:

Ecology; to preserve and enhance the rural environment of the Sirius Wood site in Bath for the benefit of the local community

Education; to assist the local infant, primary, secondary and special needs schools in teaching the importance of trees to our environment and the events surrounding Nelson and Trafalgar

Conservation and carbon debt; to encourage individual awareness of the need to plant trees to assist the balance of the environment and reduce the effects of global warming

However, a new broadleaf woodland of 2,500 trees and nearly a mile of traditional hedging, needs a good deal of upkeep and support. The Trustees estimate that it will take about £2,500 a year to maintain and are inviting 100 people to become friends of the Sirius Wood to help support this important project.

Friends are asked to give a minimum £25 a year by filling in the attached direct debit.

Friends will receive:

- **an annual report on progress in the wood**
- **an invitation to the annual general meeting, which will include a tour of the wood.**
- **free entrance to the two open garden days at Barrow Castle**
- **an invitation to volunteer days to help maintain the wood.**

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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Signed and dated	Account number Date