## **Wallington Estate Woodland Creation**

This woodland creation scheme is part of a bigger HLF/DEFRA funded project awarded to the National Trust via a successful application to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund (Nov 2020) entitled "Delivering nature-rich historic landscapes, resilient to climate change". The woodland element of the project will see the creation of 11 hectares of new broadleaved woodland within the riparian corridor of the Hart Burn, a sub-catchment of the River Wansbeck. It will involve work across 4 of Wallington's 15 farms. In total there will be 14 new woodland blocks created, with the largest being 2 hectares. These will be linked with new hedgerows and protection of the water courses from the pressures of stock.

Planting will be in small blocks, often next to existing woodland blocks, so these can be expanded. The existing are often conifer dominated and these are programmed to be felled and replaced with native trees in the next 10 years as part of the Wallington Woodland Plan. Species to be planted will include: Sessile Oak, Alder, Sycamore, Hazel, Rowan, Birch, Goat Willow, Hawthorn and Scots Pine.

99% broadleaves 1% conifer