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Dear Gerry,

Please find attached the ongoing management plan for the foreseeable future - for the small, west facing woodland, which buffers & protects the Caulbourne River.

The pro-forma from the Countryside Stewardship scheme is not specifically tailored for this small Riparian woodland as I am sure you know. It has been sometimes dangerous to work in it with the Alders failing + now with the Ash dieback and Oak dieback here (+ I have checked a beautiful, old, sick, Oak today lower down the valley) it is going to be more difficult to expect anyone to work in this woodland! eg! ∴ Flexibility has to be included in a plan.

You have walked the pathways that ^{is} kept clear + safe to walk on - they can't become rides!

I hope you can follow my notes and annotations on your map! Once again thanks for your help.

Regards [REDACTED]

[29/11/23]
[Tree Surgeon
arrives]

* let me know if there
* are problems

one of
many of our
residents

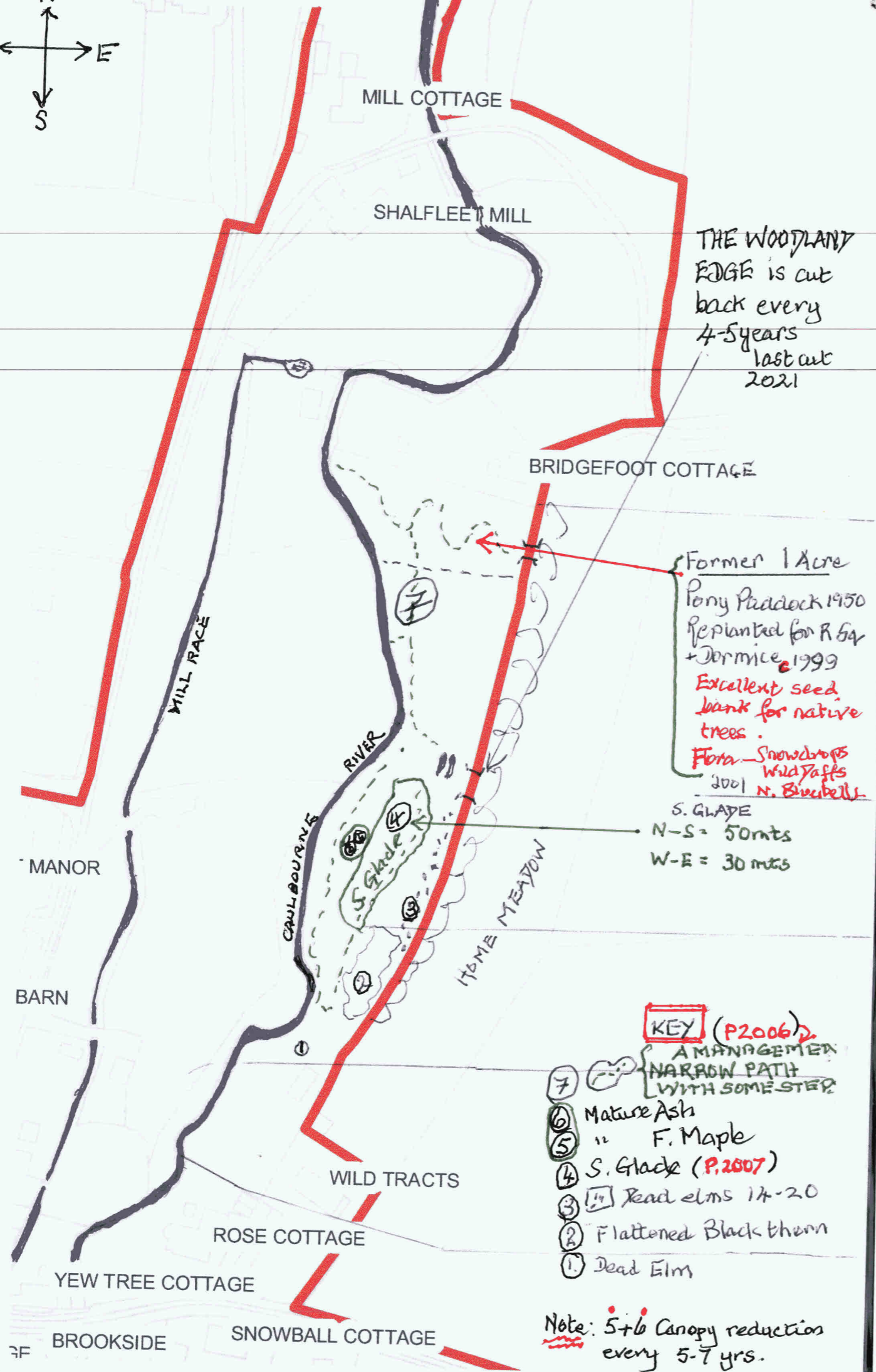
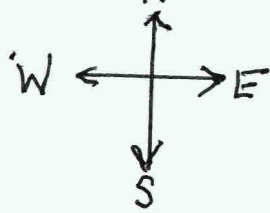


old 1 Acre Pony Paddock



Wild Tracts Farm

Snowdrops
(Native) followed by Wild Daff
(Native) + Bluebells
(Native)



N.B
Nos in Red
denote
guidance
from NE
under ATCS
Scheme.

WILD TRACTS "CONSERVATION AREA"

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

UNDER UPPER TIER COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP [F.L.M.S. starts in 2024]

THE WHOLE FARM HAS BEEN "ROWLED" OVER to 2024

MANAGEMENT OF RIVER BANKS (current) [STATUTORY MAIN RIVER]

- In 1990, 2,1950s caravans removed from centre of wood both on wide river banks of interest to County Archaeologists - Mesolithic interest proven upstream of main road bridge + proven site at corf.
- Since 1987 after gales + floods trees have had to be taken down when they have fallen across the river from the West Bank into my side + vice versa

My management consists of keeping the river clean for the Kingfishers Brown Trout / Sea Trout / Eels / Birds (Meadow / Moorhens / Little Egrets). I was advised by NE in 1987/8 to follow minimal disturbance

MANAGEMENT of old N. Glade P2009 P2011

- Note: 60' Brambles cleared - all trees established freed up
- N.E. advice to replant to extend the Dormouse + R. Sq. corridor Northwards towards land at corf. Underplanted with wild Daffs N. Bluebells + the snowdrops (see photo attached are divided + spread)
- Occasional work done (around) Hazel coppiced sparingly - to manage gale damaged trees + to clear fallen trees from river
- River undercuts the W. Bank. SSE. involved + BTI involved in clearing understorey for BRIDGEFOOT COTTAGE lines.

MANAGEMENT of S. Glade P2000 P2007

- Has to be maintained, particularly Black thorn + elm suckers. Tacked on a 2/3 years rotation. Some Birch planted + 2 Scots 1990 + 2 Swamp Cypress also - used by Red Sqs. 1 Hazel Planted (2017) Pine (2002) (2018)

MANAGEMENT • The woodland narrows here + the damage to the mature black thorn + Alder / Ash is serious. The plan is to remove + habitat pile the black thorn area (on the slope) + replant with Sweet chestnut / hazel / Field Maple + Oak (all from my nursery) in the next few years.

MANAGEMENT • This area is steeply sloping. 3 mature Ash fell down + are lying below the mobile home on the old river bank. The dying Ash are home to 14-16 Rooks nests - on the national records for the B.T.O. I underplanted this area about 10 years ago with Oak (?) Hazel + spindle - all thriving. I intend to plant Oak Willow / Birch here.

- OTHER MANAGEMENT:
 - NO FIRES / MONITOR STORM DAMAGE / FLOODS
 - HABITAT PILES + DEAD HEDGES
 - CLIMATE CHANGE
 - DORMOUSE BOXES
 - SYCAMORE
 - BARN OWL BOX NEW 2021
 - RE PLANTING
 - CAMERA TRAPS