

# Blackhouse Wood & Crews Hill

## a Living Landscape



Together, Blackhouse Wood and Crews Hill cover 45 hectares of semi-natural ancient woodland. Crews Hill, bequeathed to the Trust in 1997, is home to barbastelle bats, dormice, 58 species of moth and a wide range of butterflies and birds.

A successful appeal in 2015 enabled the Trust to buy Blackhouse Wood. Now these two woodlands are under the same ownership, we can ensure there is a much greater level of suitable habitat for species to move in and through both areas.

Crews Hill survived the planting and clearance of the 1960s that befell many ancient woodlands. Large woodland provides more space for wildlife and allows active management, resulting in many stages of growth found consistently across the site – from open space to dense high forest. This diversity in habitat leads to a greater diversity in the species the woodland supports.

### Did you know...?

The large-leaved lime trees at Blackhouse Wood and Crews Hill form part of a long-studied west Worcestershire population. Many believe these are the remnant of the original wild wood that existed before human intervention at the end of the last ice age.

Look for **lesser spotted woodpeckers** high in the tree tops

**Dormice** live in deciduous woodland, hedgerows and dense shrubbery.

The **pauper pug moth** is a woodland lime tree specialist



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### Helping Woodland Wildlife

Would you like to help wildlife? Then why not join our active and friendly volunteer team to help us look after your wildlife. If you're interested then give us a call on 01905 754919 or visit our website for more information.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust owns or manages more than 70 nature reserves that form part of our vision for a Living Landscape. By working with other landowners, managers and communities we aim to **restore**, **recreate** and **reconnect** fragmented natural habitats to achieve a landscape where wildlife can flourish and people can lead happier and healthier lives.

### Please remember...

This is a special place for our local wildlife. For everyone to enjoy it please respect the following:

- Keep dogs on a lead to avoid disturbing wildlife and please take away any mess
- Keep to marked trails and public rights of way
- Take home any litter
- No cycles, motorcycles or horses

