## **Green Farm** part of Monkwood nature reserve



## Nature's regeneration

The landscape here has had a chequered past. Whilst these fields were once wooded or wood pastures, over time they've been cleared to grow crops before becoming pastures for grazing animals. Our vision is to return to a more wooded environment.

To create new woodland we are both planting trees and allowing natural regeneration of saplings to fill in the gaps. Species that are native to Worcestershire and, even better, to Monkwood itself are being encouraged. We're planting oaks, field maples, hazels, wild cherries and alder buckthorns.

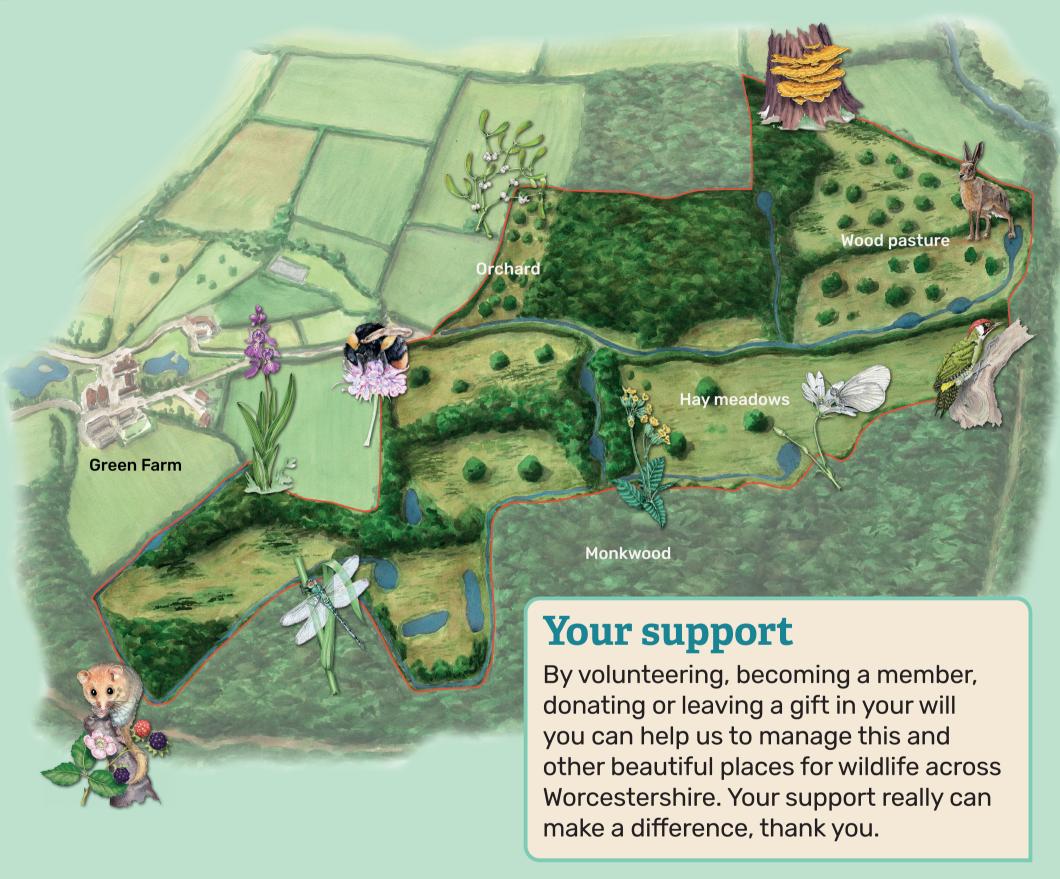
We also have one eye on the potential challenges that climate change will present. By also choosing to plant species like hornbeam and rowan, which are not naturally found in this area, the diversity of trees and the resilience of the woodland to withstand droughts will be enhanced.

## Did you know?

A single mature oak tree can support over 2000 species of wildlife. Oak trees grown in the more open spaces of wood pasture, where grassland is interspersed with trees, live longer than within woodlands where they compete with other trees for light and nutrients.

## Try this at home

By planting a diverse range of flowers, shrubs and trees you can help wildlife to find food, shelter and space. Other great ways to help are choosing to buy plants grown in peat-free compost, installing water butts and not using chemicals in your garden or local greenspace.





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