

Cannock Chase Update

Brocton Parish Council Annual Meeting

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Cannock Chase Update

- ***Overarching activity***
- ***Brocton Coppice***
- ***Heathland & wetland management***
- ***Access, enjoyment & understanding***
- ***Deer update***

Overarching Activity

- ***Climate change emergency***
- ***Nature recovery declaration***
 - **41% species in decline**
 - **15% face extinction**
 - **We are the most nature-depleted country in Europe**
- ***Nature-based solutions***
- ***Environment Act 2021 – Local Nature Recovery Strategy***
- ***Service reorganisation – dedicated team for the Chase***

Brocton Coppice



- *Acorn collection and tree nursery*
- *Halo thinning, planting*
- *Bats, invertebrates*
- *Recreation impacts*
- *Queen's Green Canopy nomination*













Heathland and wetland

- ***Woody debris***
- ***Crayfish, Logjammer hoverfly, trout and lamprey, SPBF butterfly***
- ***Hydrological study of Oldacre***
- ***Bird survey***
- ***Adder conservation***



Access, enjoyment & understanding

Countryside Explorer Project:

- *New play area*
- *Chase2Water Trail, leaflet and interpretation*
- *Visitor Centre*



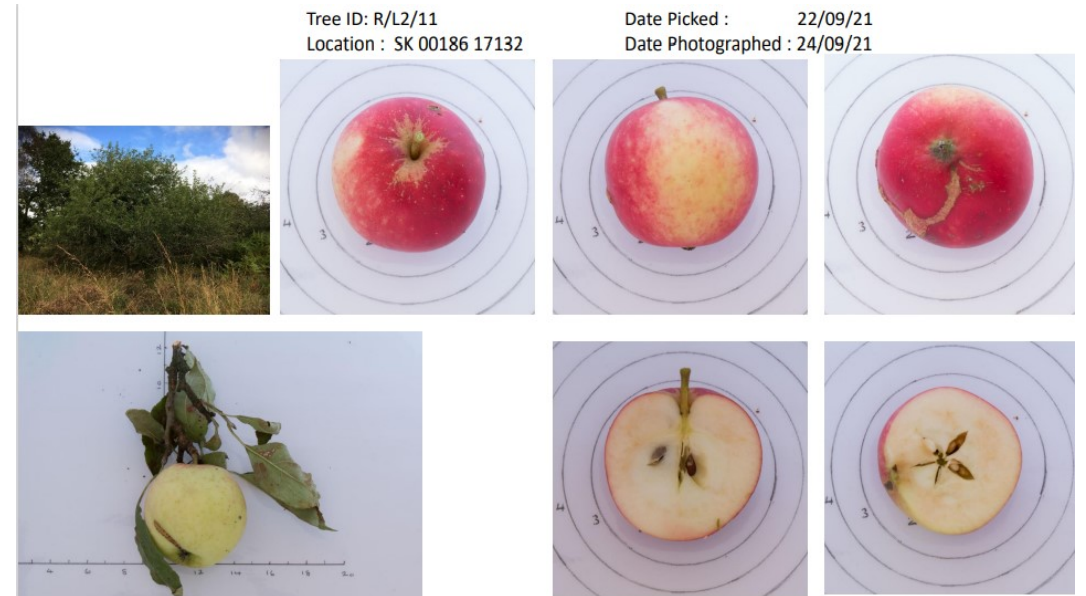
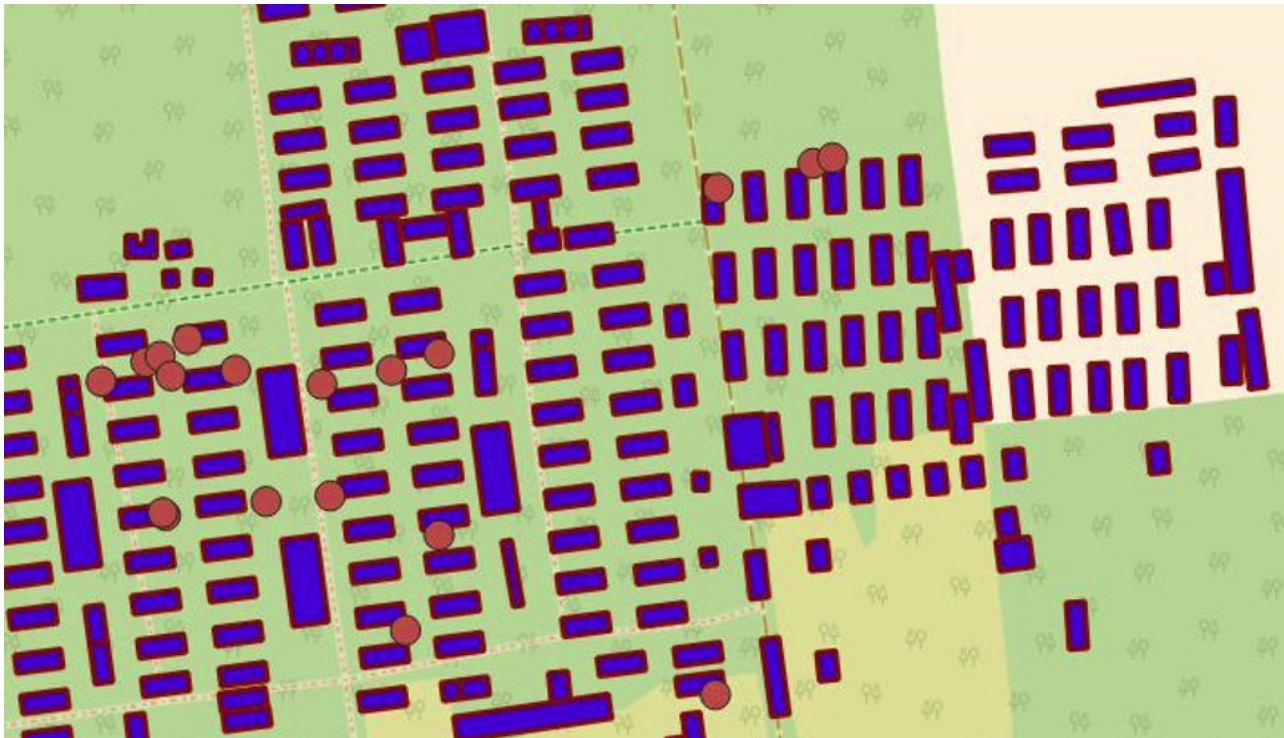
Access, enjoyment & understanding

Working with Partners

- *RAF Hednesford*
- *Brindley Village*
- *Punchbowl car park improvements*
- *Bunds*
- *AONB walks*
- *Toch & Wayfinding*
- *Staffordshire Day*



Apples on the Chase



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Deer Safety Project

Low tech – scented virtual fence, white bags, increased visibility

Moderate tech – Reflectors
– reflect car headlights



Deer Safety Project

High tech –

- *Gamewarriors – connect when car approaches – emit variable alarm and LEDs – work daytime*
- *Virtual fence – triggered by headlights – sound alarm and flashing LEDs*
- *Alarm sensors – motion activated by animal – various sounds (dogs, sticks, bees)*



**TEST AND SEE WHAT WORKS
BEST**





Questions