Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire

Coppice management workshop: Participant Information Sheet (there are 3 pages)

All 2026 coppicing workshop dates - 10am to 3.30/4pm

Thank you for booking on to this 2-day coppice management workshop.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Jameson (contact details below). We very much look forward to meeting you on site!

Coppice venue: Park at Harton Hollow Reserve car park, Westhope (see map on p2). The site is on the Wenlock Edge ridge North of Westhope, 6 miles NE of Craven Arms.

Trainer: Richard Thomason, Wild about Westhope

Arrival time: Please arrive by 9.45 for the prompt 10am start. The workshop will go on until around 4pm. Please walk up through the woods to the camp from the car park (follow the WAW signs).

Equipment: Richard will provide all the equipment you will need on the day (gloves, safety goggles, hand tools), but you are welcome to bring your own thick gardening gloves.

Clothing: Sturdy footwear required. Please be aware of the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Bring a change of clothing if you think you may need it. This workshop takes place entirely out of doors.

Lunch/refreshments: Bring your own refreshments, including a packed lunch and snacks. Hot drinks will be provided - please bring a mug.

Loos: There are no loos on site.

Course content: see p3 for the 2-day programme

Medical/emergency contacts/photography: please complete the pre event form (see separate attachment) and return to Sarah Jameson as soon as possible and before the start of the workshop.

If you find you cannot attend the workshop, please let us know in good time

Contact: Sarah Jameson, CPRE Shropshire: 01547 528 546 / Mob: 07432 325 895 / admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk

This workshop is part of CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Project 2026-27

We will be planting new hedges this winter and running walks and talks. Get involved by going to www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project.

Coppice management workshop venue 2026

Parking: Harton Hollow Reserve car park, Westhope

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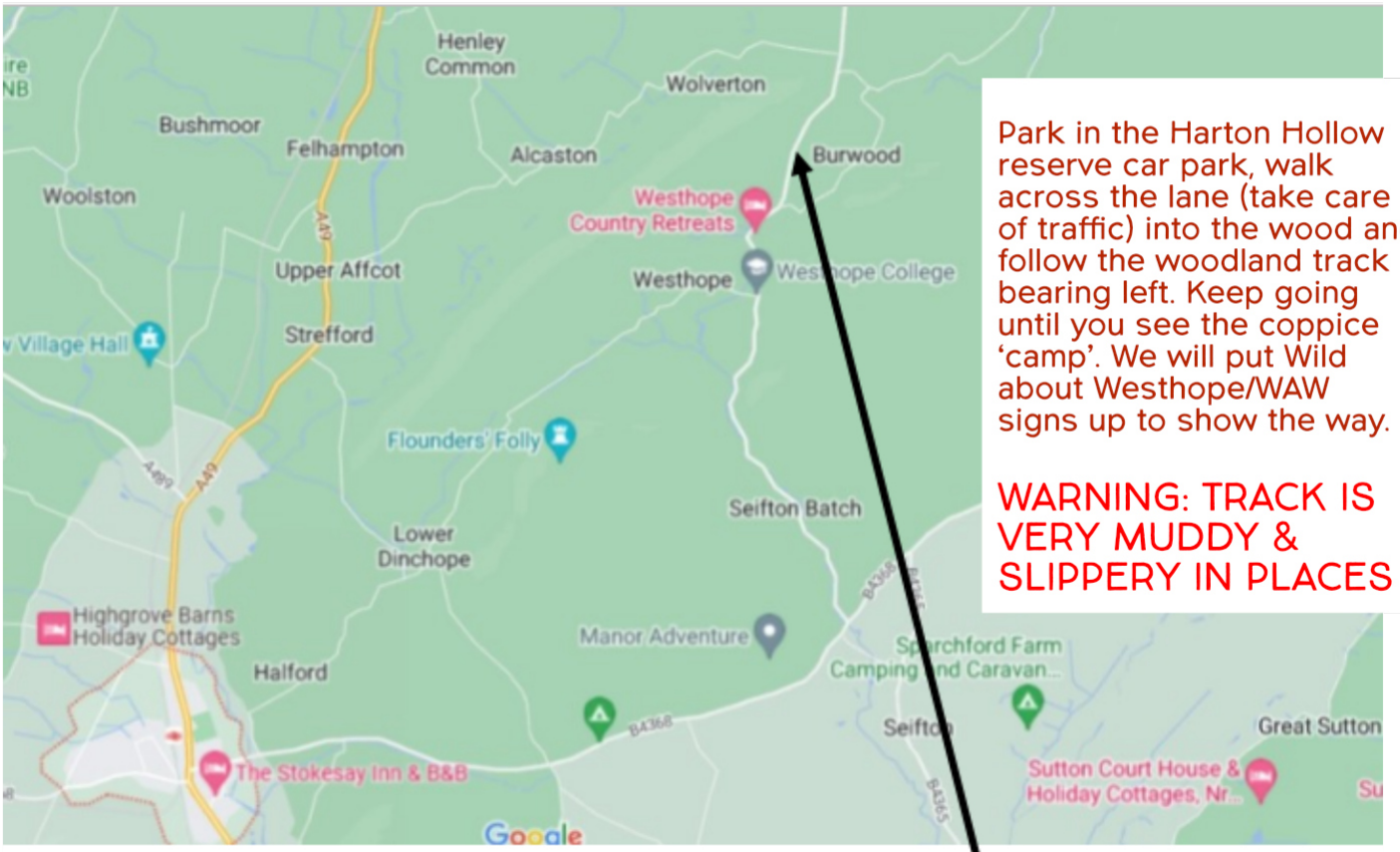
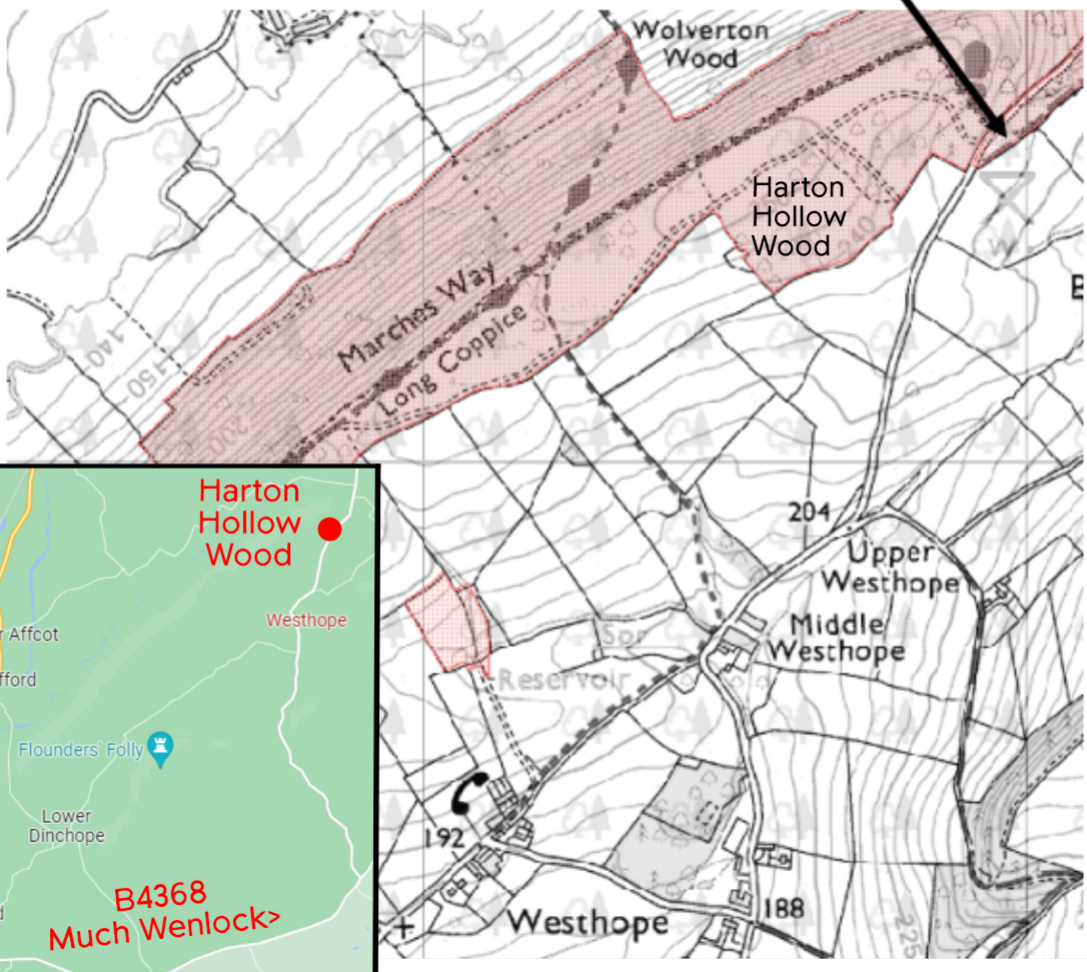


Park in the Harton Hollow reserve car park, walk across the lane (take care of traffic) into the wood and follow the woodland track bearing left. Keep going until you see the coppice 'camp'. We will put Wild about Westhope/WAW signs up to show the way.

WARNING: TRACK IS VERY MUDDY & SLIPPERY IN PLACES

Car park



Coppice management workshop 2026

Activity programme

Day 1

Introductions

Woodland risks and hazards

Coppice systems

Tools of the trade

The coppice fall – starting a fall

Creating drifts – different methods

The sweet cut, different methods

Coppice types and species

Lunch

Neglected, over stood, estimating age

Managing light – standard density

Cherry picking, cutting too high

Creating a coup rotation

Dressing out.

Day 2

Dressing out – coppice products

Managing standards, selecting poll trees

Pest control – Deer management

Lunch

Coppice stock density

Layering, stooling, planting, natural regen

Coppice grading system

Access and extraction