

Greno Woods Update Spring 2026

1. Funding news

Our “Roots and Wings” Project - a programme of works to forward our management of Greno Woods with a particular focus on birds - began in January and has so far funded work to secure the reserve’s boundaries, plant trees and manage the flow of water across the site.

Our application for **Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship** is unfortunately still delayed but i(hopefully) not for much longer. Once received this (government) grant will help support our work at Greno over the next 10 years.

To diversify our funding sources, the Trust is proposing to “habitat bank” compartment 5c and 7a (Hall Wood) under the **Biodiversity Net Gain** scheme. Any units traded under the scheme will bring in funding to help restore these areas to broadleaved woodland over a 30 year period.



Helping 2 birds with 1 stone: surplus holly cut down as part of our woodland management programme is used to protect our boundaries from entry by quad bikes.

2. Spring works

February sees the completion of the winter works programme with a little more felling work in the coppice. Here our Independent Coppice Group of volunteers has been recutting some of the sweet chestnut stools and using the cut wood to make fencing materials for use at Greno and other Trust reserves.

The Trust's land management team will complete the repairs of the heathland fence this week, ready for the new grazing season. They will also be working in Low Hall Wood to ensure that the leaky dams here still leak, and in the northern part of Greno to remove tree tubes that have been outgrown.



Volunteer rangers use wood from the Greno coppice to secure the entrance at Woodside Lane

3. Ecological Monitoring Programme: woodland condition monitoring

The Trust's ecological monitoring team will be back on the reserve this spring, collecting ecological data on the condition of Low Hall Wood and Low Spring Wood. Headed by our ecologist Anna Field, the team will collect a range of data which will help us fine tune our woodland management and create a high-quality wildlife habitat.

Monitoring for breeding Nightjar will also be taking place on site in May, June and July.

4. Bike track refurbishment

This month it is the turn of the "Pub Run" bike track to get a bit of tlc and some new surfacing and improved drainage. The work has been commissioned and is being funded by Ride Sheffield, a volunteer-run, non-profit advocacy group formed in 2009 to protect, improve, and promote mountain biking access in Sheffield and the Peak District.

5. **South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue**

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue will be training with their Polaris fire fighting units on Greno this year. Polaris all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are equipped with specialized wildfire-fighting equipment, such as "fogging units", to help extinguish flames efficiently and are used to tackle, and manage incidents in hard-to-reach areas.

6. **Find Out More**

Anyone with an interest in what happens in Greno Woods can find out more by coming to one of the meetings of the Grenoside Conservation Society which the Trust attends. Going forward we will be attending meetings in April and June 2026.

Each meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month on zoom. To receive an invitation please contact Megan Smith by emailing megan.smith4@btinternet.com

Alternatively, you can find out more about our plans by joining us for our annual **"Walk and Talk" event on Wednesday 13th May 6pm-8pm**. Please book on line www.wildsheffield.com/events to let us know to expect you.