

Greno Woods Update Summer 2025

1. Summer works

This quarter will see our volunteers working to manage rides across the reserve, cutting back vegetation to improve access and also removing bracken in areas favoured by wood ant. We will also be spending a day in Mike's Field repairing fencing and pulling Himalayan Balsam - an invasive non-native species of plant - along the stream.

2. Bird boxes for Pied Flycatchers



Pied flycatchers are summer visitors to Greno Woods. Like many birds they need holes for nesting, making Greno with its lack of big, old broadleaved trees a bit of a challenge. Another problem they face is that when they do arrive, most suitable nest sites are already taken by species like great tit that overwinter here and start breeding earlier in spring.

Over the last year the Trust have installed 45 nest boxes suitable for pied flycatcher (and other hole nesters) across the reserve. A recent check has shown that 8 of these contain nests with eggs. Watch this space to find out who's breeding in them.

3. Woodland Restoration 2025 - UPDATE

The planned woodland restoration works for Hall and Low Hall Wood are being postponed until winter 2026 to give the Trust more time to get the required funding in place.

4. Summer Events Programme



Come and explore the night with us at Greno Woods this July. Book online at www.wildsheffield.com for the following event:

Moth trapping with Ben Keywood 8.30pm-12am Friday 4th July

Experience the woods at night as we look for owls, bats and moths with our resident entomologist Ben. Campfire, hot chocolate and cookies included. £10pp

5. 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 September and November.

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