



Warton Crag Project Update 2014/15

Thank you for your amazing support for the Warton Crag project.

Warton Crag is a hugely important site both locally and nationally in supporting populations of several rare butterfly species.

The mosaic of habitats favoured by these species is under constant threat of encroachment by scrub and dense bracken stands, and requires continual management work to safeguard the success of these species.



Most of the work this year took place during the winter months from October 2014 through to February 2015. We continued working on a new coppice plot and the new ride which will link areas of good butterfly habitat.

Work was greatly helped this year by the commissioning of a purpose built burning platform. With areas of sensitive grassland and much of the site part of the Scheduled ancient monument, burning of scrub directly on the ground is not possible and has presented a challenge in past years. The cost of the new burning frame was covered by both this project and additional corporate donations.

Further coppicing and extension of the ride will continue again late autumn/early winter 2015. Ongoing Bracken management including cutting and rolling will be undertaken in summer 2015.

We also hope to invest in some additional equipment to help in the removal of timber from the site, and there are plans to develop a project to extend woodland management work over the next five years.

“Managing difficult and inaccessible sites like Warton Crag present many challenges and contributions from Visitor Giving have allowed us to improve the efficiency of our management work optimising what we can achieve to benefit the wildlife of this important site.”

Reuben Neville,
Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Your fundraising helps vital conservation work to happen, helping to keep the Lake District landscape spectacular for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you again for your fantastic support!