

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Title: Habitat Management Plan

The Habitat Management Plan at Walleys Quarry Limited is in place to assess and implement strategies for the management of the non-operational areas of the facility to assess and maintain wildlife populations found there, both flora and fauna. The non-operational areas currently include the areas outside of the working landfill and constitute some 28% of the overall site area. This is some 6.85 hectares. The assessment and recommendations are undertaken by trained external professionals.

The tree and scrub populations include poplar, beech, sycamore, horse chestnut, hazel, willow, alder, and birch. The animal population include breeding birds in season, foxes along with sightings of woodpeckers, jays, kingfishers, magpies, and wood pigeons. Management practices are proposed and implemented that will enhance and safeguard key habitats for the benefit of wildlife.

The design and long-term management of the land seeks to maintain and improve functionality through protecting and enhancing potentially important wildlife corridors, i.e., through additional planting of native species and maintenance of these areas. Future native species planting will include hawthorn, common hazel, and blackthorn. Such works, along with maintenance and clearance where directed by specialists will be undertaken to minimise disruption to species, for example by completing works outside of the nesting season and by suitable assessment of potential roost features prior to removal of any diseased or damaged trees.

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Notes to editors:

Website: <https://www.walleysquarry.co.uk>

About Walleys Quarry:

Walleys Quarry in Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire is a landfill site, offering safe disposal of waste that cannot otherwise be re-used or recycled.