



# **Slamannan Bog Restoration Project**

## ***Year 3 Report***

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Left: Miller moth caterpillar. Centre: Cutting heather at Fannyside. Right: Large red damselfly

## SUMMARY

The Slamannan Bog Restoration Project began in September 2014 with the aim of restoring at least 150 hectares (ha) of degraded raised bog habitat in the Slamannan Plateau. The project is focused on an area of peatland called Fannyside Muir, 3km from Cumbernauld.

The project is managed by Buglife Scotland in partnership with landowners Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES), North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) and additional stakeholders Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Cumbernauld Living Landscape (CLL) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The production of a Management Plan and the work associated with the restoration of bog habitats at Fannyside Muir has been funded by WREN grant BAF14 - 'The Slamannan Bog Restoration Project' and through contributions of the European Union to the EcoCo LIFE+ project LIFE13 BIO / UK / 000428 '*Implementation of integrated habitat networks to improve ecological coherence across the CSGN*'. This work was supported by SNH as part of the [Peatland Action](#) project and contributes to Scotland's National Peatland Plan and North Lanarkshire Council's Bog Action Plan.

Progress in the third year of the project is summarised below:

- Heather cutting was carried out in September 2017 to help reduce evapotranspiration from areas of tall woody heather. Cutting was undertaken by trained SNH/ EcoCo LIFE staff using a Softrak Cut & Collect system. Due to the time of year, the area that could be cut was limited prior to the return of Taiga Bean geese in late September. Approximately 1.2 ha of heather in Compartment 7 was cut, with the heather cuttings added to surrounding ditches to help with ditch occlusion.
- Monitoring of the site included monthly hydrological monitoring of 32 dipwells across the site, checking 7 fixed vegetation monitoring quadrats, 32 mini vegetation quadrats, protected species surveys, nesting bird surveys, moth trapping, butterfly timed counts, aquatic invertebrate surveys and other invertebrate surveys.
- An additional 430 peat depth readings were measured across the site and surrounding peat deposits. The deepest reading within the project site was 915cm, while a reading of 930cm was recorded just outside the project area.
- A grass fire in April 2017 damaged approx.1 ha of Compartment 2 (next to Palacerigg Country Park) however, surrounding blocked ditches and re-wetted areas limited the spread of the fire.
- A total of 775 species have been recorded on the site since the start of the project.

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises the third year of progress in delivering the aims of the Fannyside Muir Bog Restoration Project Management Plan through a set of agreed and prioritised objectives and prescriptions.

### MANAGEMENT AIM

***To restore bog activity across Fannyside Muir and improve ecological coherence of Fannyside Muir with the wider Slamannan Plateau.***

The long term aims are to:

1. Restore bogs in the Fannyside Muir area
2. Secure the favourable management of lowland raised bogs for wildlife
3. Support the delivery of the North Lanarkshire LBAP and Scottish Biodiversity Strategy
4. Protect and if possible enhance habitat for the Slamannan Plateau SSSI & SPA designated features
5. Enhance ecological coherence of Fannyside Muir with the wider Slamannan Plateau
6. Build knowledge of all biological taxa at the site
7. Raise public awareness of the importance of peatlands

The production and implementation of the site management plan is a partnership between Buglife Scotland (BS), Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES), North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

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## 2. Background

There has been a dramatic decline in the area of lowland raised bogs in the past 200 years. In Scotland, it is estimated that the original 28,000 hectares (ha) of raised bog habitat has now diminished to under 5,600 ha - a loss of 80% (*EC Habitats Directive Annex 1 Habitats from UK 2013 reporting*. <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-6392>.). Most of the remaining raised bog habitat in Scotland is located within the Central Belt and is threatened by detrimental land management activities. Historically the greatest decline has occurred through agricultural intensification (drainage), afforestation and commercial peat extraction. Future declines are likely to be the result of the gradual desiccation of bogs which are hydrologically fragmented from each other and damaged by previous attempts at drainage.

Scotland's peatlands and raised bogs are internationally important habitats for wildlife and plants including moorland birds, insectivorous sundews (*Drosera* sp.) and invertebrates such as the Large heath butterfly (*Coenonympha tullia*), a bog-specialist that has suffered population declines across Europe, due to loss of bog habitat.

Peat soils in Scotland contain almost 25 times as much carbon as all other soils in the UK. The carbon stored in Scotland's soils (notably peat and peaty soil) is equivalent to over 180 years of greenhouse gas emissions from Scotland at current emission rates.

Healthy peatlands keep carbon locked up, and continue to absorb more carbon. Degraded bogs emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which contribute to climate change. Restoring peat-forming habitat that has previously been damaged ensures that the bog remains as a long-term carbon sink and significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Raised bogs also help maintain the quality of water by absorbing atmospheric pollutants and retaining carbon, which can significantly pollute streams downstream of degraded bogs. Healthy bogs function as sponges, regulating and slowing the movement of rain water which helps to prevent flooding.

### **Fannyside Muir**

Fannyside Muir lies approximately three kilometres east of the town of Cumbernauld in North Lanarkshire. The project site lies just north-east of Palacerigg Country Park and north of Fannyside Loch. (See Map 1).

Fannyside Muir comprises of a mix of peatland habitat types, including blanket bog, lowland raised bog and intermediate bog types. The area has been subject to historic, wide-ranging, adverse management including drainage to facilitate commercial peat extraction and afforestation. A significant proportion of the restoration project site is within the boundaries of the Slamannan Plateau Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Protection Area (SPA). These areas were designated for the nationally important population of Taiga bean geese (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) which visit the Slamannan Plateau in winter. The project site falls within the Cumbernauld Living Landscape boundary, which is a landscape scale conservation programme lead by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, North Lanarkshire Council, and Forestry Commission Scotland.

This project is needed to restore areas of the designated site to improve the overall peatland functioning and coherence of the plateau area. This project builds on bog restoration work previously undertaken by North Lanarkshire Council on a small area of Fannyside Muir that established the restoration potential of bogs in this area.

### 3. Progress with Management Objectives and Prescriptions in Year 3

The Fannyside Muir Bog Restoration Project Management Plan describes a set of objectives and prescriptions required to achieve the overall management aim:

***To restore bog activity across Fannyside Muir and improve ecological coherence of Fannyside Muir with the wider Slamannan Plateau.***

This section reports on progress in achieving each of the management objectives through the prescriptions listed for each one. Management objectives and prescriptions have been divided into the following categories: **A: Habitat Management; B: Monitoring, Survey and Research; C: Public Engagement and Promotion; and D: Administration.**

#### **Management Objectives:**

##### **A: Habitat Management**

##### **Objective 1:**

**To re-wet the bog and establish bog vegetation in areas currently lacking bog species**

##### **Rationale:**

Large areas of Fannyside Muir have been subjected to historic drainage to facilitate either commercial peat extraction or afforestation. Drainage has the effect of lowering water table levels, drying out the peat and inhibiting the growth of peat-forming *Sphagnum* sp. Waterlogged, anoxic conditions inhibit the decomposition of peat, locking carbon in the peat for thousands of years, however once the peat is drained, aerobic decomposition begins and huge volumes of carbon dioxide and methane can be released. Over time, some drainage ditches may occlude with vegetation, which slows the removal of water and may eventually lead to the reestablishment of *Sphagnum* and restoration of bog activity. However, this process can take decades and without intervention further drying, afforestation and loss of bog-specialist flora and fauna is likely.

Installing dams on active drainage ditches will help raise and stabilise water table levels throughout the year and encourage recolonisation of bog vegetation. Plastic piling dams or peat dams can be used depending on the size, slope and activity of the drain. Large, active ditches are considered a priority for dam installation, while heavily occluded drains with low activity are considered a low priority. Once dammed, open water retained in ditches can be subject to evaporation. A number of methods have been used in the past to reduce evaporation and fluctuations in water level such as adding straw bales, brash, or bundles of heather harvested from the site. Partially infilling ditches or reprofiling the sides of steep-sided large ditches to make them shallower can increase the rate of ditch-colonisation by *Sphagnum* and other bog vegetation.

Despite 20 years having passed since commercial peat milling ceased at Fannyside Muir, areas of bare peat are still evident across the site due to the peat surface becoming waterlogged in winter and then drying out in summer.

Good quality bog vegetation is present in a variety of areas across the restoration site and by improving hydrological connectivity across the entire site these can be encouraged to spread and recolonise degraded areas.

Variations in local micro-topography left by peat milling and ploughing prior to conifer planting can act as a significant barrier to colonisation of bog plants. Highpoints are generally too dry in summer, while low points can be too wet for suitable plants to colonise.

Broadleaf scrub and regenerating conifers were removed as they increase nutrients, damage the bog surface and further dry out the bog through transpiration. Scrub was removed either by contractors using chainsaws or excavators with mulching heads depending on the size of the trees, or by volunteer work parties using hand tools. Broadleaf stumps (outwith FES-owned land) were carefully treated with herbicide to prevent re-growth in line with Scottish Natural Heritage specifications. All work with herbicide and machinery including excavators, brush cutters and chainsaws was carried out by experienced contractors to avoid any damage to the peat moss surface and to comply with FC and FISA guidance.

All of the work within, and near to the SSSI and SPA was undertaken with the agreement of Scottish Natural Heritage following an appropriate Habitat Regulations Assessment. Whilst much of the work was carried out by specialist contractors, there were a number of volunteer work parties involving local people helping to clear scrub across the site.

All of the restoration actions discussed here were carried out with the aim of re-wetting the bog and to protect, or enhance habitat for the existing SSSI and SPA designated features of the bog (see Objective 2)

### **Prescriptions:**

#### **1.1 Ground reprofiling with low ground pressure machine**

In early August 2015 the restoration contractors made an attempt to level-out variations in micro-topography of the peat-milled strips in compartments 8 and 13a (See Map 2: Compartments and ownership on page 22). It was hoped that by tracking across the ridges with a low ground-pressure excavator this technique would improve local hydraulic gradients and help to promote bog vegetation colonisation. This technique has been used successfully on restored plantation sites, but the effectiveness on milled sites with various micro-topography ridges and features was not known. The initial trial involved tracking 3 excavators (7.5 tons with 700 mm tracks) along a wide ridge of drained peat in compartment 13a. This had almost no effect other than flattening vegetation. Investigation revealed the presence of slit drains in many of the raised strips in this compartment that had significantly dried out the peat surface. Other ridges in compartment 13a were found to be exceptionally soft and made of piles of loose peat that were too narrow to support the width and weight of the excavators without the support of bog mats (thick wooden boards).

No further attempts at cross-tracking were carried out in year 3 of the project

#### **1.2 Dam installation**

Drainage ditches across the project area were blocked using a combination of recycled plastic sheeting and peat dams to retain water on the site. This will help increase the summer water table on the site to stimulate the recovery of bog-forming *Sphagnum* species. The number and size of ditches varies on each of the bog compartments, thus the frequency and size of dams required also varied across the site (see Figures 2, 3 and 4).

##### **1.2.1 Plastic piling dams**

Approximately 1,330 m of plastic piling was utilised in 46 dams installed across the restoration site in 2016. The use of plastic piling was kept to a minimum, but was required at

the ends of long runs of peat dams and on wide or steeply inclined ditches where peat dams would likely wash out. Plastic piles of between 1.5 m and 3 m were used depending on the depth of ditches, with the majority being of 2-3 m length. The majority of the piling dams were reinforced by timber bracing and supports where the ditches were wide or on an incline, and the majority were also backed with peat.

During hydrological monitoring visits in May 2017, following 5 months of low rainfall, a small number of the plastic piling dams installed during Phase 1 were observed to be leaking, and not holding water. The leaking dams were mainly on large, old ditches, and leakage was attributed to peat cracks, although a number were noted that would benefit from the addition of further piles to extend the dam.

### **1.2.2 Peat dams**

No additional dams were added in 2017, and installed peat dams from the first 3 phases of work are looking good, with signs of vegetation cover, including *Sphagnum*.

### **1.2.3 Reprofilling the sides of large ditches**

No further ditch reprofilling was undertaken in 2017.

### **1.2.4 Reducing water evaporation from ditches with bundles of cut heather**

Heather cutting was carried out in September 2017 to help reduce evapotranspiration from areas of tall woody heather (Figure 1). Cutting was undertaken by trained SNH/ EcoCo LIFE staff using a Softrak Cut & Collect system. Due to the time of year, the area that could be cut was limited prior to the return of Taiga Bean geese in late. Approximately 1.2 ha of heather in Compartment 7 was cut, with the heather cuttings added to surrounding ditches to help with ditch occlusion.

### **1.2.5. Use of cell bunds to block ditches and retain surface water**

No further cell bunds were added in the last year. Peat cell-bunds that were installed in Compartment 1 and new area 'A' were holding water well and showing a notable increase in cottongrass colonisation and growth. Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) activity has been high in areas of cell-bunding, and a large increase in dragonfly activity (particularly Four-spot chasers (*Libellula quadrimaculata*), Black darters (*Sympetrum danae*) and Emerald damselflies (*Lestes sponsa*)) was also observed in these areas.

## **1.3 Scrub removal**

### **1.3.1 Felling and treatment of broad leaf scrub and conifers**

No large trees or conifers growing on the peat surface remain to be felled.

### **1.3.2 Hand pulling of small scrub with volunteers**

Scattered regenerating Lodgepole pines (*Pinus contorta*) and birches (*Betula* sp.) were removed from across the site during 2017, when encountered during hydrological monitoring visits. ~150 small trees in total.

## **Objective 2:**

**To protect, or enhance habitat for existing SSSI and SPA designated features of the bog.**

## **Rationale:**

The Slamannan Plateau SSSI and SPA are both designated for winter-visiting Taiga bean geese which roost on pools and surrounding peatland within compartment 11 of the restoration area. The bean geese are generally on the Slamannan Plateau between October and February. Management objectives for the SPA state that it is essential to avoid



deterioration of the bog habitat and to ensure that the distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species and the structure, function and supporting processes of the habitats are maintained.

Protecting the designated features and ensuring that the geese continue to use the site is essential. Bean geese are intolerant of disturbance, choosing open areas with unobstructed lines of sight for both feeding and roosting.

As a consequence of bog restoration management work, increasing water-retention across Fannyside Muir in winter may provide additional winter roosting pools beyond those currently used by the bean geese.

### **Prescriptions:**

#### **2.1 Enhancing habitat for roosting Taiga bean geese at Fannyside Muir**

During the first phase of restoration work in August and September 2015, 2 new shallow (0.5 m deep) 25 m x 25 m scrapes were excavated in Compartment 10 to the north-west of the current roosting pools in Compartment 11. The removed peat was then used to block drainage channels nearby. Once filled with rainwater, it was hoped that these pools would be used as additional goose roosting habitat, as well as providing breeding habitat for amphibians and aquatic invertebrates. Tagged bean geese were monitored landing on the re-wetted areas in Compartment 10 during the winter of 2015/2016, but they weren't recorded at the new pools. Redshanks (*Tringa totanus*), Snipe, Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) (with ducklings), diving beetles, dragonflies (Common hawker (*Aeshna juncea*), Black darters, Large red (*Pyrhosoma mymphula*) and Emerald damselflies) were all recorded at these pools in 2017. Just over 26 ha of flooded cell-bunding has been created in Compartments 1 and 2, and in a new area to the north, which may provide potential roosting habitat for Taiga bean geese and other wildfowl. While undertaking hydrological monitoring on November 2016, 49 snipe were recorded from the cell-bunded area of Compartment 1 (that had been dry heather the year before). 19 Snipe were recorded in this area in February 2017.

#### **2.2 No restoration work with heavy machinery to occur while Taiga bean geese present on the site.**

Contractors tendering for restoration work at Fannyside Muir in 2016 were made aware that the deadline for completion of work using heavy machinery within the SPA/SSSI would be the 20<sup>th</sup> September, which is the earliest date that wintering Taiga bean geese have been recorded on the Slamannan Plateau. Additionally all site infrastructure such as welfare units (if used) had to be removed from the car park area by the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. In spring, work with machinery within the SSSI/SPA could only occur after the last Taiga bean goose had left. The 4<sup>th</sup> of March is the latest date that Taiga bean geese have been recorded on the Slamannan Plateau.

Manual ditch blocking and the hand-clearance of scrub and conifers using hand tools was possible all year round. However, from 21<sup>st</sup> September through to the 15<sup>th</sup> March, such activities were restricted to between 1 hour after sunrise and 1 hour before sunset to avoid potential disturbance to geese moving between their roosting and feeding sites. Heather cutting in September 2017 took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Machinery was removed from the site car park on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **2.3 Restoration work to avoid areas containing winter roost pools used by Taiga bean geese.**

All contractors were supplied with maps to indicate which areas were off-limits to tracked machinery, and during site inductions all work crew were made aware of this.

### **2.4 Restoration work infrastructure and machinery removed from site while geese are present**

All machinery and infrastructure such as the site office and excavators were removed from the site before midday on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **2.5 Use of heavy machinery and equipment on the site**

Routes for tracked machinery to follow across the bog surface were agreed prior to work commencing to minimise excessive crossing of the site.

## **B: Monitoring, survey & research**

### **Objective 3:**

**To establish a monitoring programme to allow review of management prescriptions and assess ecological connectivity with the wider Slamannan Plateau**

### **Rationale:**

A comprehensive set of monitoring procedures is required to assess the effectiveness of any habitat management work in furthering the main aim and long-term objectives of the project. This includes ensuring that there are no detrimental effects from the habitat management work on the designated features of the Slamannan Plateau SSSI and SPA. The results of the monitoring will be used to guide the habitat management work.

### **Prescriptions:**

#### **3.1 Taiga bean goose monitoring**

Annual monitoring of the bean geese wintering population on the Slamannan Plateau is carried out by the Bean Geese Monitoring Group on behalf of Scottish Natural Heritage. Bean goose data has been collected for a number of years prior to the commencement of the bog restoration project. Returning Taiga bean geese were recorded on the Slamannan Plateau on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016. Four geese were fitted with GPS transmitter tags by BTO staff on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 to help monitor their movements. Location data is collected at intervals during the day and night and is available for use by researchers within 24 hours (<http://monitoring.wwt.org.uk/our-work/goose-swan-monitoring-programme/species-accounts/taiga-bean-geese/>). It has been encouraging to see that the geese are continuing to roost each night at the roost pools within compartment 11, with all 4 of the tagged geese returning here each night after feeding/loafing in surrounding agricultural fields. It therefore appears that the restoration work on the site has had no negative impact on the geese using the site.

#### **3.2 Hydrological monitoring**

The main aim of the habitat management activities is to restore bog activity at Fannyside Muir by raising the water levels within the peat so that bog vegetation can recolonise. Monitoring how water table levels fluctuate in the bog during the year is essential to ascertain whether the ditch blocking and scrub removal are having the requisite effect. Hydrological monitoring equipment was marked with a white-painted stake and fluttering tape prior to the arrival of excavators on the site to minimise the risk of accidental damage. (see Table 3, Appendix iii for summary of monthly hydrology monitoring data).

### 3.2.1 Water loggers

Three hydrological data loggers were installed on the site in September 2014 on behalf of SNH (See Figure 3). Water level data is collected every 30 minutes and data is sent automatically once per week. This data will be made publically available on Scotland's Environment Web (SEWeb). The location of the data loggers is shown in Table 1.

Water data loggers	Grid reference
1	NS 7992 7447
2	NS 7980 7422
3	NS 8027 7423

Table 1: Location of hydrological data loggers

### 3.2.2 Dip wells

A network of 32 ground water dip wells were installed across the restoration site in July 2015 to enable ground water levels to be monitored. Each compartment generally has at least 2 dipwells, with one within 0.5 m of a major ditch and another approximately 25m from the first. Dipwells consist of a 1.5 m long pipe of 50 mm diameter with drilled holes and cap. Readings are taken on a monthly basis using an electronic dipwell meter to collect as much data as possible during the course of the site restoration (see Appendix iii, Table 3- Monthly hydrology data)

### 3.2.3 Checking integrity of installed dams

The integrity of peat dams and plastic piling dams has been checked regularly after installation to assess their effectiveness in raising ditch water levels, and identify any issues with leakage. The quality of all dams was guaranteed by each of the installing contractors for at least 6 months following installation. During an annual survey of dam integrity in May 2017 a number of dams were identified where the water level was below ground level on the face of the dams. This was after a prolonged drought, however other dams on the same ditch were holding water. These leaking dams were holding water well in October 2017, but will be monitored further to check that further interventions are not required.

## 3.3 Peat surveys

### 3.3.1 Peat depth survey

Peat depth surveys to help estimate the volume of peat within the project area were carried out during 2016. Over 430 peat depth readings were measured across the site and surrounding peat deposits. The deepest reading within the project site was 915 cm, while a reading of 930 cm was recorded just outside the project area. This data will also allow a better estimate of the carbon resource contained within peat on the site. This will complement peat depth data collected during the bog restoration feasibility study carried out by Strath Caulaidh Ltd in 2014 and an earlier study carried out in 2009 on behalf of Scotts Company Ltd. (RPS, 2011). Peat depth survey data has been provided to SNH. (see Map 6- Peat depth across Fannyside Muir).

### 3.3.2 Peat stability monitoring survey

Peat instability events may be triggered following intense rainfall and snow melt or loading of the peat mass by heavy machinery. Due to the generally flat and confined nature of the restoration area, peat slides and bog burst events are considered to be a low risk.

While the restoration work was on-going and machinery was on the bog, a monthly walk-over of each worked on compartment and neighbouring compartments was carried out to

check for the following indicators of peat instability: the presence of recent failure scars, indicators of surface tension, features indicative of compression, evidence of peat creep, the formation of new sub-surface drainage bodies, and cracking related to drying. No new peat instability features were observed

### 3.4 Fixed-point photography to monitor condition of the bog

Fixed-point photographs have been taken next to each of the vegetation monitoring quadrats across the restoration site and along a selection of primary ditches to compile a visual record of the changes occurring during the restoration process. (See Figure 4 for examples). In August 2016 RSPB staff kindly assisted in capturing aerial images of the site using a drone with a camera.

### 3.5 Bog vegetation monitoring

#### 3.5.1 Fixed-point vegetation quadrat transects

Seven 2 m x 2 m vegetation monitoring quadrats were installed across the restoration site in spring 2015. These will be monitored on an annual basis to assess whether habitat management is improving the distribution and abundance of bog vegetation.

Quadrats were marked out using bamboo canes and GPS data collected for each location. Additional information on peatland features such as ditches; grazing and wildlife were also recorded for each quadrat. (See Table 2 for Vegetation Quadrat locations)

Positive (and negative) bog indicator species are clearly defined through JNCC guidance ([http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/CSM\\_lowland\\_wetland.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/CSM_lowland_wetland.pdf)), so it is possible to assess increases or decreases in the distribution and abundance or dominance of positive indicators and negative indicator species. Timing of the monitoring should be June-September each year. Prior to the start of restoration work the majority of quadrats were assessed to be in fairly poor condition with restricted *Sphagnum* moss coverage and few bog specialist species present.

During hydrological monitoring of dipwells, 32 mini vegetation quadrats (0.5 m x 0.5 m) were recorded at the position of each of the dipwells to enable vegetation change to be compared to any hydrological changes. Data collected included a photograph and % coverage of Sphagnums, graminoids, and ericoid shrubs %. Strikingly 8 out of 32 (25%) of the mini-quadrats showed significant differences in just 1 year, with 7 showing surface flooding due to restoration work and 1 having been burnt by the fire in April 2016.

Vegetation Monitoring Quadrat locations			
Quadrat	Compartment	Grid Reference	Current condition
1	2	NS 79652 73893	Poor / improving
2	3	NS 79838 73943	Good (Control)
3	3 (border with 4)	NS 79210 74391	Poor / Improving
4	5	NS 79841 74507	Medium / Improving
5	6	NS 80543 74436	Poor / improving
6	9	NS 80379 74362	Wet / improving
7	10	NS 80184 73952	Flooded / improving

Table 2. Locations of vegetation monitoring quadrats

An area of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) in the car park entrance area (NS 8025 7378) was stem-injected with herbicide by FC staff and fenced off prior to contractors arriving on the site in 2015. A small amount of regrowth was observed in May 2016, and retreated with herbicide. No further growth was observed during 2017.

### **3.5.2 Annual survey of broadleaf scrub**

An annual survey of broadleaved scrub will be made, with the location of new saplings, or conifer regeneration identified by GPS so that they can be removed by contractors or volunteer work parties. Around 150 small birch and Lodgepole pine samplings were identified and removed during monthly hydrological surveys. This is on-going.

### **3.5.3 Species-specific butterfly transects**

Butterfly transects and timed counts can be used to monitor the impact of habitat management on biodiversity. Butterflies have a 1 year life-cycle and respond rapidly to changes in habitat quality and quantity. UK butterflies include habitat generalists and specialists. Monitoring the presence and abundance of species recorded on a fixed transect or during a timed count in a specific area can provide a large amount of data. Butterfly transects are generally carried out once per week for 26 weeks of the year, and only under specific environmental conditions which allows data to be compared with other sites and between years. Species-specific transects and timed counts can be used to monitor particular species. These restricted surveys are carried out only during the flight period of the species that is of interest. Distribution data can be used to assess the ecological connectivity of the site, and abundance data can be used to assess habitat management changes.

### **3.5.4 Butterfly transect - Large heath (*Coenonympha tullia*)**

The Large heath (*Coenonympha tullia*) is a UK BAP species and a bog specialist, with its larvae feeding on Common cottongrass (*Eriophorum angustifolium*) and Hare's tail cottongrass (*E. vaginatum*), that are fairly widespread across Fannyside Muir. The species has declined across Europe. The adult flight period in central Scotland is generally from mid June through to the end of July, with individuals occasionally still flying in early August. Adults are attracted to the flowers of Cross-leaved heath (*Erica tetralix*). A timed count was carried out during late June 2017, but no confirmed observations were made.

### **3.5.5 Butterfly transect - Small pearl-bordered fritillary (*Boloria selene*)**

The Small pearl-bordered fritillary (*Boloria selene*) is a UK BAP species and in central Scotland is associated with damp meadows, bogs and other wetland habitats. The larvae generally feed on the leaves of Marsh violet (*Viola palustris*), but other *Viola sp.* may be used. Marsh violets were observed to be present in small quantities along the verges of Fannyside Road and within the fen vegetation present between compartments 1 and 2 of the project area. Small pearl-bordered fritillary has been lost from many parts of the UK, but remains widespread in Scotland. The adult flight period in central Scotland is generally from mid-June through to the end of July, with individuals occasionally still flying in early August. Small Pearl-bordered fritillary was recorded at 2 locations on Fannyside Muir during July 2017.

## **3.6 Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys**

Invertebrates make up the majority of the UK's biodiversity. Analysis of the rich diversity of invertebrate species found within a site can provide useful information regarding the types and quality of the habitat present. Generalist species can be found in many different habitats and in some cases may be negative-indicators of habitat quality. On the other hand,

bog specialists may be restricted to high-quality bog habitat containing the specific resources required to complete that species' lifecycle.

### **3.6.1 Bog sun-jumper spider (*Heliophanus dampfi*)**

The Bog sun-jumper spider (*Heliophanus dampfi*) is a small black jumping spider (family Salticidae), associated with raised bogs. The species is known from only a handful of sites in the central belt of Scotland and a single site in Wales. A Bog sun-jumper volunteer training day carried out at Wester Moss, Fallin in July 2017 using sweepnets and a Bug Vac was successful in finding 6 individuals at that site. A subsequent survey with volunteers at Fannyside Muir was carried out in July 2017, however no Bog sun-jumper spiders were found during the visit. A trained volunteer did go on to find the species at a new site near Flanders Moss.

### **3.6.2 Light trapping for moths**

The UK has over 2,500 species of moths, comprising a wide range of families, with habitat generalists and specialists, mobile and sedentary species, and includes a number of species associated with peatlands and bogs. Research on habitat restoration has shown that light-trapping for moths can be an effective way of monitoring changes in vegetation structure and connectivity to other habitats. The loss of species feeding on broadleaf scrub and non-bog vegetation, and an increase in wetland specialist might be expected.

Light trapping was carried out 3 times at Fannyside Muir during 2017 using a 6 W bucket trap, and in addition to species recorded using light trapping, observations of day-flying species, caterpillars and distinctive leaf-mines were used to add additional species to the site species list.

### **3.6.3 Other species surveyed**

At the start of the project, very few species had been recorded from the restoration site. An assessment of aquatic species using the site was carried out in early 2016 to provide a baseline for further assessment of habitat restoration work. Increasing the presence of standing water on the site through blocking ditches was expected to have a positive effect on the presence and abundance of dragonflies and damselflies, water beetles, stoneflies, mayflies, alderflies, caddisflies and other species. The large increase in abundance of bog-specialist dragonflies and damselflies has been noticeable. Black darters have responded particularly favourably to the increase in standing water.

Pitfall transects across the bog were installed in 2015 to collect data on beetle and spider composition across the restoration site. Both of these orders contain a range of families and genera with habitat specialists that can be informative of habitat changes occurring during the restoration process. Pitfall traps were not used in 2016 and 2017

## **C: Visitor engagement and promotion**

### **Objective 4:**

**To raise public awareness of issues affecting peatlands**

### **Rationale:**

This project has the opportunity to raise public awareness of the issues affecting lowland raised bogs in the Central belt and peatlands in Scotland. Engaging with local communities, community groups and schools around Fannyside Muir will be a key part of outreach associated with the project. Through the project at least 50 young people will be engaged each year through educational events. As well as ecological and environmental benefits, the

project will provide the local community with opportunities for volunteering and outdoor education. Opportunities may be provided for members of the public to visit the restoration site, hear about the project at community events and talks, and to take part in habitat management volunteer work. Volunteer training workshops will also be provided to help with monitoring activities. All outreach and communication actions will be coordinated with other local groups already raising awareness of the importance of peatland including North Lanarkshire Council, Forestry Commission, Cumbernauld Living Landscape, SWT, RSPB and the Bean Goose Action Group.

#### **Prescriptions:**

##### **4.1 Press releases and media**

A number of press releases, articles for newsletters and magazines, and social media posts were produced throughout the year to promote the work at Fannyside Muir and raise awareness of our peatlands. . Guided visits were given to project stakeholders, project funders and interested parties including Martyn Day MP in February 2017.

##### **4.2 Educational visits**

A programme of educational activities for local schools has been created to raise awareness of the importance of Fannyside Muir and our wider peatlands. During the project Schools and communities around Fannyside Muir have learnt about peat bogs, and focus on 2 key species: the Large heath butterfly and the Taiga bean goose. A school visit to Plains Primary School, Airdrie was carried out in October 2016 with 25 pupils. Three school visits to St Mary's Primary School, Cumbernauld, which were delivered in November 2016 with 51 pupils, included visits to see bog habitat at Ravenswood Nature reserve near the school.

##### **4.3 Community engagement activities**

In addition to local school visits, local community engagement activities this year have involved delivering guided walks on site and running volunteer work parties.

###### **4.3.1 Walks and talks.**

Site visits with different groups were held at Fannyside Muir during 2016/2017. Groups including staff, members and volunteers of various conservation NGOs, SNH staff and local MP Martyn Day were shown round the restoration site. Talks to raise awareness of peatlands and the restoration project at Fannyside Muir have been given to local organisations including the Scottish Wildlife Trust (Falkirk and Ayrshire groups).

###### **4.3.2 Volunteer recruitment and training workshops.**

A Bog sun-jumper survey training day was held at Wester Moss SSSI, at Fallin, near Stirling in July 2017, and subsequently two volunteers helped survey for Bog sun-jumpers at Fannyside Muir in July 2017. Volunteers also helped with hydrology monitoring during monthly visits in May 2017 and July 2017.

#### **Administration**

##### **Objective 5:**

**To fulfil all legal or contractual obligations committed to within the plan period**

##### **Rationale:**

All legal and contractual obligations committed to within the plan period must be carried out.

#### **Prescriptions:**

##### **5.1 Hold regular Stakeholder/ Steering Group meetings**

The current Steering Group for the project comprises individuals from the Bean Goose Action Group, Buglife, Cumbernauld Living Landscape, Forestry Commission Scotland, North Lanarkshire Council, RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Site visits and meetings with stakeholders were held throughout 2015, 2016 and 2017 to discuss restoration work.

## **5.2 Annual review of project implementation**

A review of progress on the implementation of objectives and prescriptions to deliver the management plan has taken place annually. This ensures that management techniques are delivering the anticipated results and allows budgeting of staff time, funding and development of more detailed work plans for the coming year.

## **5.3 Revise management plan**

Progress on the delivery of the management plan has been assessed annually, with a full review planned after 10 years.

## **5.4 Comply with all relevant legislation**

A new Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the planned work at Fannyside Muir was required in 2016, due to the inclusion of a new area of bog that had not been covered in the original (2015) HRA. The assessment was carried out by SNH, and the restoration work was given consent prior to work beginning on the site. The assessment process helps to minimise the risk of any of the interventions having a negative impact on the designated features of the Slamannan Plateau SSSI and SPA.

## **5.5 Maintain site species lists (all taxa)**

A total of 775 species have been recorded at Fannyside Muir, and surrounding sites since the launch of the project in September 2014. Records of all species observed and monitored during the project will be added to iRecord and made available on the NBN Atlas. Records include details of scientific name (with common name if there is one), location, OS grid reference (at least 6 figure), date (first record if common and frequently recorded), abundance, recorder, determiner, survey method and any additional comments.

### **Summary of species recorded in Year 3:**

(A full list of species recorded at Fannyside Muir is given in the appendix)

### **Flora and Fungi**

A total of **140** vascular plants and **36** lower plants and fungi have been recorded at Fannyside Muir this year, including **18** mosses, **9** fungi, **6** lichens and **2** slime moulds and **1** club-moss.

### **Notable bog-associated plant and bryophytes recorded at Fannyside include:**

Blaeberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*)  
Bog asphodel (*Narthecium ossifragum*)  
Common cottongrass (*Eriophorum angustifolium*)  
Cranberry (*Vaccinium oxycoccos*)  
Cross-leaved heath (*Erica tetralix*)  
Crowberry (*Empetrum nigrum*)  
Deer grass (*Trichophorum caespitosum*)  
Hare's-tail cottongrass (*Eriophorum vaginatum*)  
Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)  
Round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*)  
White-beaked sedge (*Rhynchospora alba*)



Acute-leaved bog-moss (*Sphagnum capillifolium*)  
Blunt-leaved bog-moss (*Sphagnum palustre*)  
Bogmoss flapwort (*Odontoshisma sphagni*)  
Feathery bog-moss (*Sphagnum cuspidatum*)  
Flat-topped bog-moss (*Sphagnum fallax*)  
Fir club-moss (*Huperzia selago*)  
Lustrous bog-moss (*Sphagnum subnitens*)  
Magellanic bog-moss (*Sphagnum magellanicum*)  
Papilose bog-moss (*Sphagnum papillosum*)  
Soft bog-moss (*Sphagnum tenellum*)  
Strict haircap moss (*Polytrichum strictum*)

### **Birds:**

A Total of **78** species of birds have been recorded at Fannyside Muir since the start of monitoring in 2014 (and a further 11 just outside the site). During the spring of 2016, daily surveys for nest building activity were carried-out while the second phase of restoration work was underway (March- May). Records of **9** breeding species (singing & courtship, nest building, feeding young, and presence of newly fledged birds) were recorded during site visits, all of which are either Amber-listed or Red-listed species in the Birds of Conservation Concern List (BoCC) (Eaton *et al.*(2015) Birds of Conservation Concern 4: the population status of birds in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man. *British Birds* 108, 708–746. Available online at [www. britishbirds. co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/BoCC4.pdf](http://www.britishbirds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/BoCC4.pdf)

#### **Breeding species recorded in 2017**

Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) (Red listed)  
Curlew (*Numenius arquata*). (Amber listed)  
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) (Amber listed)  
Meadow pipit (*Anthus pratensis*) (Amber listed).  
Redshank (*Tringa totanus*). (Amber listed).  
Reed bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*) (Amber listed)  
Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*). (Red listed).  
Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) (Amber listed)  
Willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*). (Amber listed).

#### **Non-breeding notable species recorded in 2016/ 2017**

Taiga bean goose (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) (Amber listed). Winter resident and designated natural feature of the Slamannan Plateau SSSI and SPA. Taiga bean geese first began overwintering on the Slamannan Plateau in 1981. Numbers vary from year to year, with around 130- 150 birds in the 1990's which has increased in recent years to around 220-300 birds. The geese tend to feed on agricultural fields around the plateau and return at dusk to roost on the Fannyside Lochs or in the bog pool matrix present in the south-east of the core restoration site (Compartment 11). The four tagged individuals returned with Taiga bean goose flock to the Slamannan Plateau on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, and initially left on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017, however bad weather forced 3 of the geese up to Orkney! Two geese returned to the Slamannan Plateau on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, and made it to Denmark on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. The remaining bird successfully crossed the North Sea from Orkney on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, arriving in Norway on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March to join the rest of the flock. The geese returned to the Slamannan Plateau on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) (Red listed)  
Herring gull (*Larus argentatus*). (Red listed)

Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*). (Red listed)  
Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) (Red listed)  
Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). (Red listed)  
Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) (Red listed)  
Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*) (Red listed)  
Other species (including Amber-listed species) are listed in the appendices.

### **Mammals:**

A total of **12** species of mammal have been recorded at Fannyside Muir since the start of the project.

### **Mammal species recorded at Fannyside Muir in 2017:**

Bank vole (*Myodes glareolus*) – remains and droppings  
Brown hare (*Lepus europaeus*)  
Common shrew (*Sorex araneus*)  
European mole (*Erinaceus europaeus*)- mole hills  
Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) –scat & footprints  
Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*)

### **Amphibians and Reptiles:**

A total of **3** amphibian species and **1** reptile species have been recorded at Fannyside Muir since the start of the project.

### **Amphibian and reptile species recorded at Fannyside Muir in 2017:**

Common frog (*Rana temporaria*)  
Common toad (*Bufo bufo*)  
Common lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*)  
Palmate newt (*Lissotriton helveticus*)

### **Invertebrates:**

A total of **504** invertebrate species have been recorded from Fannyside Muir since the start of the project including **183** species of moths & butterflies, **82** flies, **78** beetles, **32** true bugs, **33** ants, bees, sawflies & wasps, **49** spiders, **9** dragonflies & damselflies, **8** slugs & snails, **4** caddisflies, **3** millipedes, **4** springtails, **3** woodlice, **2** grasshoppers, **2** harvestmen, **2** mites, **2** lacewings, **2** mayflies, **2** stoneflies, **1** alderfly, **1** centipede, **1** earwig, **1** pseudoscorpion and **1** scorpionfly.

### **Notable Invertebrate species recorded at Fannyside include:**

Blaeberry bumblebee (*Bombus monticola*) Scottish Biodiversity List  
Broom moth (*Ceramia pisi*) UKBAP  
diving beetle (*Rhantus suturellus*) –Scottish Biodiversity List  
diving beetle (*Stictonectes lepidus*) IUCN Near threatened  
Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae*) UKBAP  
Garden Tiger (*Arctia caja*) UKBAP  
Grey dagger (*Acronicta psi*) UKBAP  
ground beetle (*Agonum ericeti*) Nationally Scarce \* bog indicator species  
Haworth's minor (*Celaena haworthii*) UKBAP  
Heath rustic (*Xestia agathina*) UKBAP  
money spider (*Bathypantes setiger*)- Local and declining bog specialist  
money spider (*Floronia bucculenta*) – local and Nationally Scarce  
money spider (*Saariotoa firma*) Scottish Biodiversity List  
money spider (*Walckenaeria unicornis*) – local

Latticed heath (*Chiasmia clathrata*) UKBAP  
Neglected rustic (*Xestia castanea*) UKBAP  
Northern sawfly-mining bee (*Andrena ruficrus*)- Scottish Biodiversity List  
Powdered quaker (*Orthosia gracilis*) UKBAP  
Sallow (moth) (*Xanthia ictoria*) UKBAP  
Small heath (*Coenonympha pamphilus*) UKBAP  
Small pearl-bordered fritillary (*Boloria selene*) UKBAP  
Small square-spot (*Diarsia rubi*) UKBAP  
White ermine (*Spilosoma lubricipeda*) UKBAP

#### **5.6 Produce connectivity maps for key bog species**

Species distribution data collected during the project will be used to produce connectivity maps to identify ecological coherence in the project area. Monitoring data will also be used to assess changes in habitat quality with regards to key bog-species colonisation and/or resource usage. This is on-going.

#### **5.7 Ensure all species records regularly added to NBN**

Records collected from the site (excluding sensitive data) will be added to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas ([www.nbnatlas.org](http://www.nbnatlas.org)) at capture resolution on an annual basis to improve public knowledge of species distribution. Potentially sensitive data will be added at lower resolution, or omitted from datasets depending on discussions with stakeholders. All species data will be shared with stakeholders and landowners.

### **4. Plans for 2018**

During 2018, the focus will be on monitoring. Hydrological and vegetation monitoring will continue throughout the site. There will be further surveys for key bog-specialist invertebrates such as the Bog sun-jumper spider and Large heath butterfly.

Volunteer work parties will be held when possible to look for and remove remaining small Lodgepole pines.

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### Projects Planned to Occur During the Life of the Plan

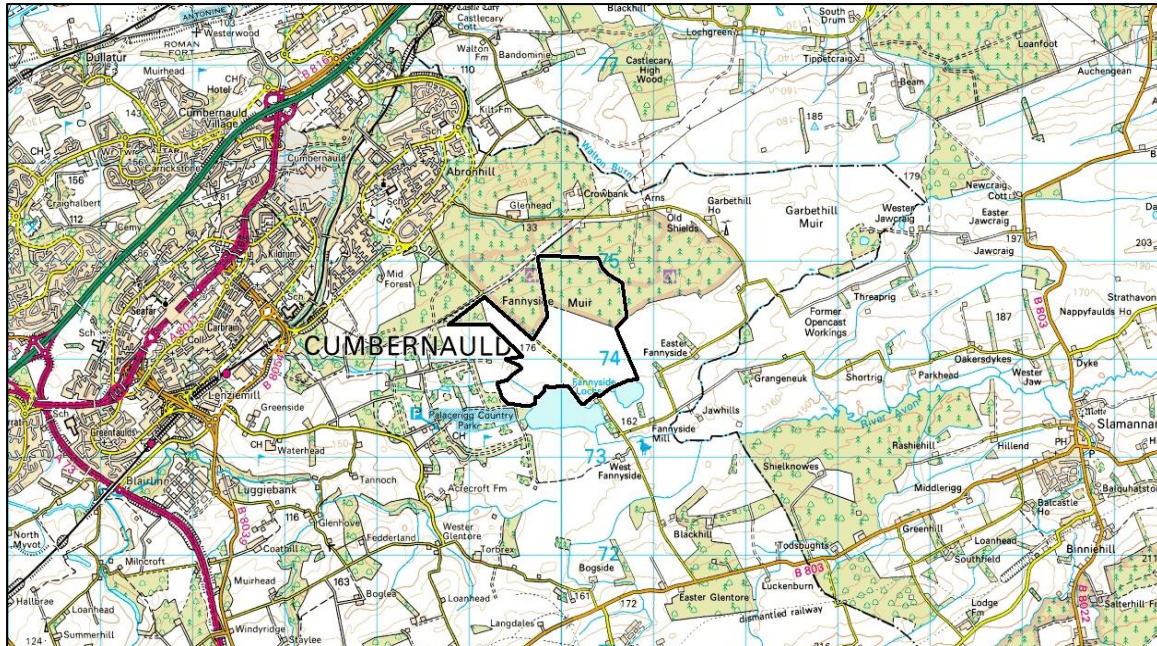
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Code	Project	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.1	Use of low ground-pressure machine to cross-track bog surface *	1	2								
1.2.1	Dam Installation (plastic piling)	1	1	2			2				
1.2.2	Dam Installation (peat dams)	1	1	2	2		2				
1.2.3	Reprofile sides of steep primary ditches	2	2	2	2	2					
1.2.4	Reducing water evaporation from ditches with heather bundles	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1.3.1	Felling and treatment of broadleaf scrub & conifers	1	1		2		1		2		1
1.3.2	Hand pulling of small broadleaf scrub & conifers with volunteers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1.3.3	Conservation grazing			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2.1	Enhancing habitat for roosting geese at Fannyside Muir	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2.2	No restoration work to occur while geese present on the site.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2.3	Restoration work to avoid areas containing winter roost pools used by Taiga bean geese.	1	1	1	1	1					
2.4	Sensitive use of heavy machinery on site	1	1	1	1	1					
3.1	Taiga bean goose monitoring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.2	Hydrological monitoring – water loggers and dip wells	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.3.1	Peat depth survey	2	2	1							
3.3.2	Peat stability monitoring	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.4	Fixed-point photography to monitor condition of bog	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

3.4.1	Bog vegetation monitoring – Fixed-point quadrat transects	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.4.2	Annual survey of broad leaf scrub	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.5.1	Butterfly transect- Large Heath	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.5.2	Butterfly transect- Small pearl-bordered fritillary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.6.1	Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys – Bog sun-jumper spider	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.6.2	Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys – light trapping	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.6.3	Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys – Odonata surveys	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.6.4	Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys – aquatic invertebrate survey	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.6.5	Bog-specialist invertebrate surveys – other species	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4.1	Press releases and media	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4.1	Educational activities (50 young people engaged per year)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4.2	Local community engagement activities- talks & guided walks	1	1	1	1						
4.3	Local community engagement activities- volunteer training	1	1	1	1						
5.1	Hold regular Steering Group and stakeholder meetings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
5.2	Annual review of project implementation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.3	Revise the management plan					1					1
5.4	Comply with all relevant legislation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.5	Maintain site species lists (all taxa)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.6	Produce connectivity maps for key bog species	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
5.7	Ensure all species records regularly added to NBN	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

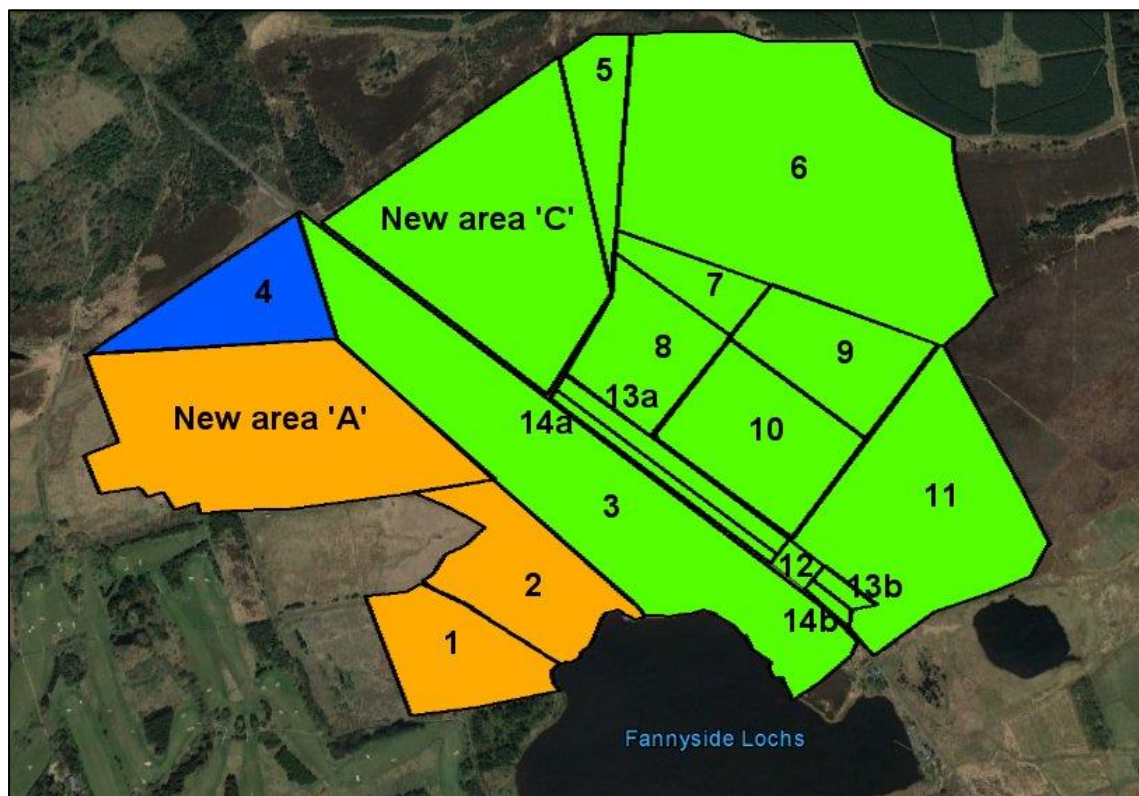


## Appendix i. Maps



**Map 1: Location of Fannyside Muir bog restoration site**

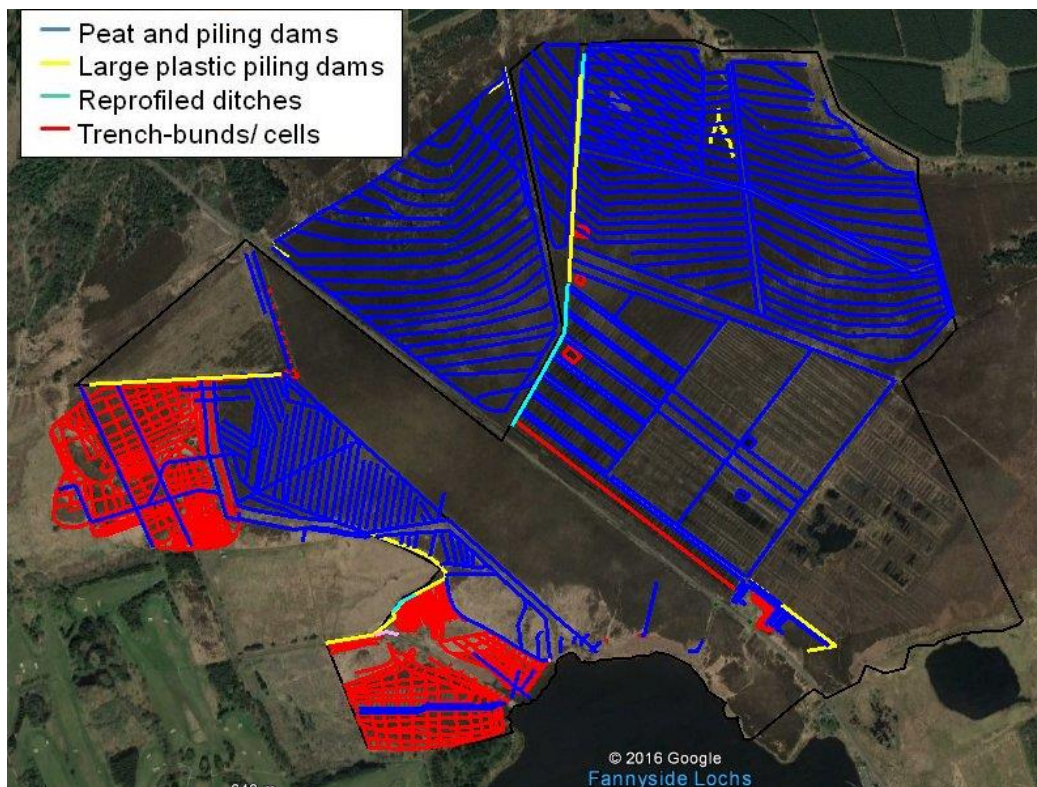
Core project area outlined in black. 3km east of Cumbernauld on the Slamannan Plateau.



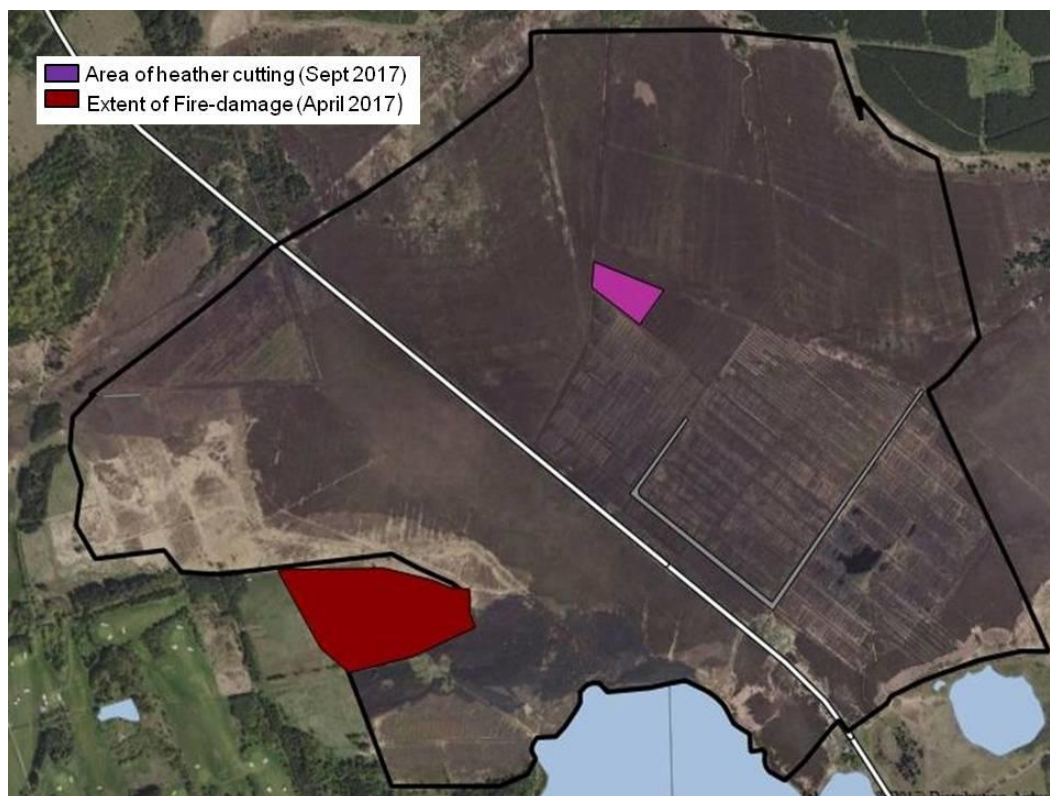
**Map 2: Compartments and land ownership within restoration area.**

North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) in orange; Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES) in green and Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) in blue. Numbers relate to Compartments mentioned in the Management Plan.

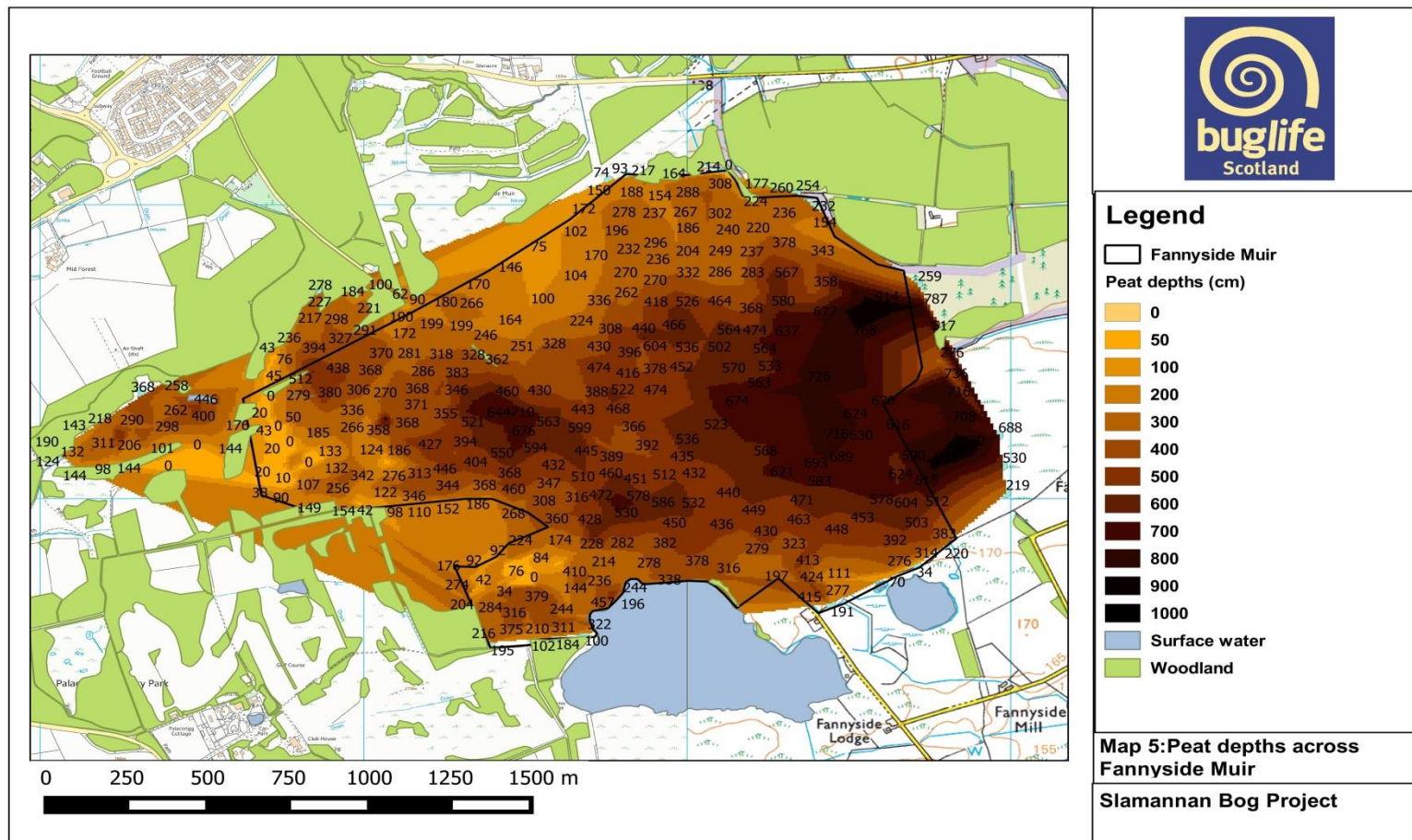




**Map 3. Overview of restoration work carried out at Fannyside Muir (dams and bunds).**



**Map 4. Area of heather cutting at Fannyside Muir in 2017.**  
Also showing area fire-damage at the edge of Compartment 2 in April 2017.



**Map 5** Map showing interpolated Peat depths across Fannyside Muir based on data obtained using peat probes to survey the depth across the site.



## Appendix ii. Photographs



**Figure 1. Heather cutting in Compartment 7.**

Top: Softrak Loglogic 'Cut and Collect' system harvesting heather to reduce evapotranspiration. Heather brash added to surrounding ditches to help with ditch occlusion. September 2017. Bottom Left: Dumping heather brash into small ditch to help with occlusion. Bottom Right: Softrak Loglogic 'Cut and Collect' system harvesting heather. Area of bog in foreground has been cut, and brash visible in the collection cage





**Figure 2. Peat dams on ditch between Compartments 7 and 8.**

Top Left: Just after dam installation. Top Right: Late September 2015 - blocked ditches filling with water. Middle: March 2016 - ground water raised to surface of the peat. Bottom: September 2017– Cottongrass and Sphagnum colonisation of blocked ditch and peat.





**Figure 3. Successful ditch blocking at Fannyside Muir to raise water table and promote Sphagnum colonisation.**

Top: A ditch blocked with peat dams in Compartment 10 (in 2015) showing good Sphagnum colonisation both in ditch and on surface of peat dam. Cottongrass colonisation also evident.

Bottom Left, Middle and Right: Downloading data from the 3 water depth data loggers at Fannyside Muir in September 2017





**Figure 4. Large blocked ditch in Compartment 2 at Fannyside Muir helped to constrain spread of fire in April 2017**

Top Left: Before work began. Top Right: Ditch in late October 2015 after dam installation.

Bottom Left: Ditch in June 2016 after further dams added, lower section reprofiled and existing dams backed with peat and vegetation. Bottom Right: Spread of fire in April 2017 constrained by water-filled ditch (dark area on opposite side of ditch is burnt vegetation).





**Figure 5. Wildlife of Fannyside Muir.**

Top Left: Sphagnum ground beetle (*Agonum ericeti*); Top Middle: Northern sallow mining bee (*Andrena ruficrus*); Top Right: Large red damselfly (*Pyrrhosoma nymphula*); Centre Left: Common lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*); Centre Middle: Green hairstreak (*Callophrys rubi*) on Cranberry flowers (*Vaccinium oxycoccos*). Centre Right: Fir clubmoss (*Huperzia selago*) on old railway bund; Bottom Left: Map-winged swift moth (*Korscheltellus fusconebulosa*); Bottom Middle: European Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*); Bottom Right: Sphagnum (*Sphagnum magellanicum*) and Reindeer lichen (*Cladonia portentosa*).

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4	NS8040174093	174	9.0	15.5	22.5	9.5	1.0	0.0	-0.5	3.0	7.5	2.0	3.5	6.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	5.5	2.0	2.5	1.0	2.5	3.0	10.0	25.0	7.0	10.0	0.5	3.0	1.5	1.0	
5	NS8038174089	174	3.0	1.5	5.0	2.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.0	-1.0	0.0	-2.0	-2.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.5	-3.0	-1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0	-1.5	1.0	13.5	0.5	2.5	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	
6	NS8055474278	175	12.0	15.0	21.5	17.0	1.0	-1.0	2.0	4.5	8.0	2.0	4.0	8.0	0.0	7.0	9.0	11.0	7.0	7.5	5.0	6.0	6.0	10.0	17.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	4.5	4.0	2.0	
7	NS8053474295	174	10.0	9.5	14.0	10.0	5.0	2.5	5.0	7.0	8.0	6.5	7.0	9.0	6.0	5.5	4.0	7.5	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.5	6.5	9.5	25.5	9.0	11.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	
8	NS5056074270	174	19.5	32.0	41.5	46.0	8.0	5.5	6.5	21.0	28.0	19.0	20.0	28.5	18.0	24.5	15.0	28.0	15.0	27.5	9.0	12.0	23.5	29.5	41.0	28.0	29.0	13.0	14.0	14.5	18.0	Control
9	NS8056574246	174	6.5	13.0	17.0	14.0	2.5	1.5	2.0	4.0	8.5	4.0	4.5	6.5	3.0	2.5	1.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	11.0	18.0	7.5	12.0	1.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	
10	NS8021074448	174	18.5	27.0	36.0	37.0	11.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	12.0	10.0	10.5	13.0	9.0	11.5	9.0	13.5	7.5	10.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	12.5	28.5	14.0	16.0	7.5	10.0	9.0	8.5	
11	NS8022674469	174	6.0	14.0	21.0	24.5	4.0	3.0	4.5	5.5	8.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	6.0	10.0	25.5	8.0	8.5	4.0	5.5	4.0	4.0	
12	NS8020674446	174	5.5	11.0	21.0	12.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.5	7.5	5.5	6.0	8.5	5.0	5.0	3.0	8.5	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.0	6.0	11.0	20.5	10.0	11.5	5.5	6.5	4.0	5.0	Above ground
13	NS8019074427	174	4.5	9.0	11.5	10.0	4.0	2.5	3.5	4.0	5.5	4.5	4.0	7.5	4.0	3.0	1.5	5.0	4.5	3.5	3.0	3.5	4.5	9.0	14.0	7.5	8.5	3.0	4.0	3.0	2.5	0.0 - 10.0
14	NS8011474337	175	8.5	9.5	19.0	9.5	6.5	5.0	6.0	7.5	10.0	7.5	7.0	9.0	5.5	6.0	4.5	8.5	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	12.0	20.0	11.0	13.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	10.5 - 20.0
15	NS7989374508	172	3.0	10.0	13.0	3.0	-1.5	-3.0	-4.0	-3.0	-3.0	-4.0	-2.5	-0.5	-4.0	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.5	-2.5	-3.5	-3.0	-3.0	-2.0	7.5	-2.0	-2.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	20.5 - 30.0
16	NS7990974526	172	11.0	7.0	9.0	4.0	3.5	3.0	4.0	4.5	6.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	4.0	3.5	2.5	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.5	8.5	19.0	7.0	8.0	4.0	4.5	-4.0	-4.0	30.5+
17	NS7985474547	172	6.0	7.0	14.0	14.0	3.5	2.0	3.5	6.5	5.5	4.0	4.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	-0.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	-4.0	-7.0	
18	NS7983074547	172	7.0	9.0	12.5	10.5	3.5	3.0	4.0	6.0	7.5	4.0	5.0	7.0	4.5	3.0	2.0	6.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	5.0	6.0	9.5	13.5	9.0	10.0	4.0	6.5	4.0	3.5	
19	NS7986574609	171	5.5	10.0	14.0	3.0	1.5	1.0	-0.5	2.5	4.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	1.5	-0.5	-0.5	3.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.5	5.5	11.5	5.0	5.0	-1.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	
20	NS7988874605	171	4.5	8.0	9.5	4.5	0.0	0.5	-1.0	4.5	6.5	4.5	5.0	6.5	4.0	4.0	2.5	6.5	4.5	4.0	5.0	4.5	5.5	10.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	4.5	5.0	4.0	2.5	
21	NS7972874220	176	22.5	19.5	25.0	23.5	11.0	7.5	10.5	11.5	12.0	11.0	11.5	13.5	11.0	11.0	7.0	13.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	10.5	11.0	12.5	17.0	11.5	12.5	8.5	10.0	8.5	8.0	
22	NS7993174138	175	4.0	12.5	21.5	8.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.5	5.0	2.0	2.0	7.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	6.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	10.5	27.5	10.0	10.5	1.5	3.0	1.5	-1.0	
23	NS7993274114	175	24.0	34.5	32.0	36.0	-3.5	-3.0	-9.0	-8.0	-6.0	-5.0	-5.0	-3.0	-3.0	-5.0	-7.0	-4.0	-5.0	-5.0	-6.0	-5.0	-5.0	-1.0	5.0	-1.0	0.5	-5.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	
24	NS7989173872	172	2.0	3.0	16.0	6.0	1.0	-1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	-3.0	0.0	-1.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	4.0	19.5	2.5	4.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	
25	NS7984673804	171	12.5	18.5	20.0	12.0	10.0	10.5	10.0	11.5	15.0	12.0	11.5	16.0	10.0	10.0	9.5	15.0	10.0	10.5	10.0	11.0	13.0	22.0	23.0	16.5	20.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	
26	NS7983273782	171	11.5	21.0	26.0	21.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	11.0	15.5	9.5	10.0	10.5	7.5	9.5	5.5	13.5	9.5	11.0	9.5	10.0	10.0	14.5	21.0	14.5	19.0	9.0	11.5	10.0	8.5	
27	NS7982973780	171	6.0	15.0	23.0	17.0	0.5	0.0	-1.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	-2.0	1.0	-1.0	4.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	7.0	17.5	4.5	12.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	
28	NS7981673758	170	16.0	15.5	17.0	4.5	1.0	1.5	0.0	2.5	5.0	3.5	3.5	6.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	8.5	2.0	2.0	2.5	1.5	7.0	13.0	27.5	10.0	13.5	1.0	5.0	2.0	2.5	
29	NS7965773596	169	12.5	21.0	29.5	26.0	15.0	17.0	14.5	16.5	21.0	15.5	16.5	20.0	9.0	-6.0	-10.0	-11.0	-14.0	-14.0	-14.0	-15.0	-15.0	-13.5	-2.0	-12.0	-11.0	-15.0	-13.0	-15.0	-15.0	
30	NS7965773572	168	18.5	26.0	36.0	31.0	12.5	14.5	9.0	16.0	20.0	20.0	18.0	19.0	7.0	0.0	-3.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	-7.0	-6.0	4.0	-5.0	-2.0	-7.0	-5.0	-8.0	-8.0	
31	NS7920074474	169	10.0	20.0	30.5	36.0	-2.5	-2.0	-4.0	-1.0	0.5	-2.5	-2.5	0.0	-2.5	-3.0	-3.0	-1.0	-3.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.0	-1.0	5.0	14.0	2.0	4.0	-2.0	-2.5	-2.5	-3.0	
32	NS7918074468	169	15.5	17.0	24.0	20.0	8.0	9.0	6.5	12.0	14.0	13.0	18.0	14.0	14.0	17.5	16.0	14.0	13.0	13.5	10.0	9.0	12.5	14.5	24.0	13.5	15.0	13.5	11.0	10.0	13.0	Control
				Phase 1	Phase 1						Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2			Phase 3	Phase 3														Heath cutting	
		Average	10.8	15.7	21.4	17.0	4.6	3.6	3.5	6.5	8.9	6.1	6.6	8.9	4.2	4.2	2.4	6.8	3.3	4.08	2.78	3.09	4.75	9.09	18.8	7.89	9.88	2.53	2.53	2.16	1.8	
		% within 10cm	56.3	34.4	9.4	40.6	84.4	87.5	90.6	75	71.8	78.1	75	65.6	87.5	87.5	93.8	71.9	90.6	84.4	100	87.5	84.4	65.6	15.6	78.1	50	93.7	96.8	93.7		

Appendix iii Table 3. Monthly Hydrology Monitoring data. Blue & green colours indicate area suitable for Sphagnum. Orange & red indicate unsuitable

## **Appendix iv. Site Species Lists**

Lists of species recorded within the Fannyside Muir bog restoration area.

\* Species recorded nearby (ie. Fannyside RSPB reserve or Palacerigg Country Park etc.).

# Species only recorded from car park/ site compound or road verges

### **3.1 Flora and fungi**

#### **3.1.1 Higher Plants**

##### **Key bog indicator species**

Blaeberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*)  
Bog asphodel (*Narthecium ossifragum*)  
Common cottongrass (*Eriophorum angustifolium*)  
Cranberry (*Vaccinium oxycoccos*)  
Cross-leaved heath (*Erica tetralix*)  
Crowberry (*Empetrum nigrum*)  
Deer grass (*Trichophorum caespitosum*)  
Hare's-tail cottongrass (*Eriophorum vaginatum*)  
Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)  
Round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*)  
White-beaked sedge (*Rhynchospora alba*)

##### **Other species (including negative bog quality indicator species)**

Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) #  
Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) #  
Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*)  
Annual meadow-grass (*Poa annua*)  
Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) #  
Bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)  
Biting stonecrop (*Sedum acre*) #  
Bog pond weed (*Potamogeton polygonifolius*)  
Bottle sedge (*Carex rostrata*)  
Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*)  
bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) #  
Bridewort (*Spirea* sp.) #  
Broad-leaved dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*) #  
Broad leaved willowherb (*Epilobium montanum*) #  
Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) #  
Bush vetch (*Vicia sepium*)#  
Carnation sedge (*Carex panicea*)  
Chickweed wintergreen (*Trientalis europaea*)  
Cock's foot grass (*Dactylis glomerata*) #  
Colts foot (*Tussilago farfara*)  
Common bent (*Agrostis capillaris*)  
Common couch grass (*Elytrigia repens*) #  
Common hemp-nettle (*Galeopsis tetrahit*) #  
Common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*)  
Common orache (*Atriplex patula*) #  
Common plantain (*Plantago major*) #  
Common rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*)  
Common silverweed (*Argentina anserina*) #  
Common sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*) #  
Common spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*)  
Common twayblade (*Listera ovata*)

Common valerian (*Valeriana officinalis*) #  
 Common vetch (*Vicia sativa*)  
 Compact rush (*Juncus conglomeratus*)  
 Cow parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) #  
 Creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*)  
 Creeping forget-me-not (*Myosotis secunda*) #  
 Creeping thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) #  
 Creeping willow (*Salix repens*)  
 Crocus (*Crocus vernus*) #  
 Cuckoo flower (*Cardamine pratensis*) #  
 Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) #  
 Dame's violet (*Hesperis matronalis*) #  
 daffodil (*Narcissus* sp.)  
 dandelion (*Taraxacum* sp.)  
 Devil's bit scabious (*Succisa pratensis*)  
 Downy birch (*Betula pubescens*)  
 Eared willow (*Salix aurita*)  
 Early marsh orchid (*Dactylorhiza incarnata*)  
 eyebright (*Euphrasia* sp.)  
 Field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*) #  
 Field wood-rush (*Luzula campestris*)  
 Garden strawberry (*Fragaria x ananassa*) #  
 Glaucous sedge (*Carex flacca*)  
 Goat willow (*Salix caprea*)  
 Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)  
 Great willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*)  
 Greater butterfly orchid (*Platanthera chlorantha*)  
 Grey willow (*Salix cinerea*)  
 Ground elder (*Aegopodium podagraria*) #  
 Hard fern (*Blechnum spicant*)  
 Hawkweeds (*Hieracium* sp.) #  
 Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)  
 Heath bedstraw (*Galium saxatile*)  
 Heath milkwort (*Polygala serpyllifolia*)  
 Heath rush (*Juncus squarrosus*)  
 Heath spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza maculata*)  
 Heath wood-rush (*Luzula multiflora*)  
 Hop trefoil (*Trifolium campestre*) #  
 Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) #  
 Japanese rose (*Rosa rugosa*) #  
 Kidney vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*) #  
 Knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*) #  
 Lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*)  
 Lousewort (*Pedicularis sylvatica*)  
 Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*) #  
 Marsh arrow-grass (*Triglochin palustris*) #  
 Marsh cinquefoil (*Potentilla palustris*)  
 Marsh lousewort (*Pedicularis palustris*)  
 Marsh thistle (*Cirsium palustre*)  
 Marsh violet (*Viola palustris*)  
 Marsh willowherb (*Epilobium palustre*)  
 Meadow vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*)  
 Michaelmas daisy (*Aster x salignus*) #



Montbretia (*Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora*) #  
 Narrow buckler fern (*Dryopteris carthusiana*)  
 Nipplewort (*Lapsana communis*) #  
 Pignut (*Conopodium majus*)  
 Pineapple weed (*Matricaria discoidea*)  
 Purple moor grass (*Molinia caerulea*)  
 Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) #  
 Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*) #  
 Red bartsia (*Odontites vernus*) #  
 Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*) #  
 Red fescue (*Festuca rubra*) #  
 Redshank (*Persicaria maculosa*)#  
 Reed mace (*Typha latifolia*)  
 Ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*)  
 Rosebay willowherb (*Epilobium angustifolium*) #  
 Round-fruited rush (*Juncus compressus*)  
 Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)  
 rushes (*Juncus sp.*)  
 Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)  
 Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*)  
 Sharp-flowered rush (*Juncus acutiflorus*)  
 Sheep's sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*)\$  
 Short-fruited willowherb (*Epilobium obscurum*) #  
 Silver birch (*Betula pendula*)  
 Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)  
 Smooth sow-thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*) #  
 Sneezewort (*Achillea ptarmica*)  
 snowdrop (*Galanthus sp.*)  
 Soft rush (*Juncus effusus*)  
 Spear thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) #  
 Stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*) #  
 St. John's wort (*Hypericum sp.*)  
 Sweet vernal grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*)  
 Tormentil (*Potentilla erecta*)  
 Tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*)  
 Wavy bittercress (*Cardamine flexuosa*) #  
 Wavy hair grass (*Deschampsia flexuosa*)  
 White clover (*Trifolium repens*) #  
 Wild strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)  
 Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)  
 Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)  
 Yellow loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*) #  
 Yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*) #  
 Yorkshire fog (*Holcus lanatus*)

### **3.1.2 Bryophytes, fungi, lichens and club-mosses**

#### **Bryophytes (including key bog indicator species)**

Acute-leaved bog-moss (*Sphagnum capillifolium*)  
 Blunt-leaved bog-moss (*Sphagnum palustre*)  
 Bog bead moss (*Aulacomnium palustre*)  
 Bogmoss flapwort (*Odontoshisma sphagni*)  
 Common haircap moss (*Polytrichum commune*)  
 Feathery bog-moss (*Sphagnum cuspidatum*)

Fir clubmoss (*Huperzia selago*)  
Flat-topped bog-moss (*Sphagnum fallax*)  
Heath plait moss (*Hypnum jutlandicum*)  
Heath star moss (*Campylopus introflexus*)  
Lustrus bog-moss (*Sphagnum subnitens*)  
Magellanic bog-moss (*Sphagnum magellanicum*)  
Notched pouchwort (*Calypogeia arguta*)  
Papilose bog-moss (*Sphagnum papillosum*)  
Soft bog-moss (*Sphagnum tenellum*)  
Strict haircap moss (*Polytrichum strictum*)  
Springy turf-moss (*Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*)  
Waved silk-moss (*Plagiothecium undulatum*)  
Broom fork-moss (*Dicranum scoparium*)

### **Lichens**

lichen (*Cladonia chlorophaea* agg.)  
lichen (*Cladonia coniocraea*)  
lichen (*Cladonia floerkeana*)  
lichen (*Cladonia portentosa*)  
lichen (*Evernia prunastri*)  
lichen (*Peltigera membranacea*)

### **Fungi**

Alder tongue gall (*Taphrina alni*)  
Beefsteak fungus (*Fistulina hepatica*)\$  
Common earthball (*Scleroderma citrinum*)  
Honey fungus (*Armillaria* sp.)  
Rosy crust (*Peniophora incarnata*) – on gorse  
Sickner (*Russula emetica*)  
Waxcaps (*Hygrocybe* sp.)  
Yellow brain (*Tremella mesenterica*) – on gorse  
Yellow staghorn fungus (*Calocera viscosa*)

### **Slimemoulds**

Dog sick slimemould (*Fuligo septica*)  
Bubblegum fungus (*Lycogala epidendrum*)

### **3.2 Birds**

Barn owl (*Tyto alba*) \* Recorded at Palacerigg Country Park  
Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)  
Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)  
Black-headed gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)  
Blue tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*)  
Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*)  
Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)  
Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*)  
Carrion crow (*Corvus corone*)  
Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*)  
Coal tit (*Periparus ater*)  
Coot (*Fulica atra*)  
Common crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)  
Common gull (*Larus canus*)  
Common sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)  
 Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)  
 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)  
 Feral pigeon (*Columba livia*)  
 Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*)  
 Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*)  
 Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)  
 Gooseander (*Mergus merganser*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Grasshopper warbler (*Locustella naevia*)  
 Greater spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*)  
 Great black-backed gull (*Larus marinus*)  
 Great tit (*Parus major*)  
 Greylag goose (*Anser anser*)  
 Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)  
 Grey partridge (*Perdix perdix*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Hen harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)  
 Herring gull (*Larus argentatus*)  
 House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*)  
 Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*)  
 Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*)  
 Jack snipe (*Lymnocyptes minimus*)  
 Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)  
 Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*)  
 Lesser black-backed gull (*Larus fuscus*)  
 Lesser redpoll (*Acanthis cabaret*)  
 Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Little grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Long-eared owl (*Asio otus*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)  
 Magpie (*Pica pica*)  
 Marsh harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Meadow pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)  
 Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) \* Recorded at Toddleknowe Muir  
 Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)  
 Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)  
 Raven (*Corvus corax*) –flying overhead  
 Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)  
 Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*)  
 Pink-footed goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*)  
 Ringed plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)  
 Pied wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)  
 Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*)  
 Red grouse (*Lagopus lagopus scotica*)  
 Red-necked diver (*Podiceps grisegena*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)  
 Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)  
 Reed bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*)  
 Sand martin (*Riparia riparia*)  
 Sedge warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*)  
 Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*)

Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)  
 Songthrush (*Turdus philomelos*)  
 Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*)  
 Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)  
 Stonechat (*Saxicola rubicola*)  
 Swift (*Apus apus*)  
 Taiga bean goose (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) (BAP, SPA & SSSI designated feature)  
 Tawny owl (*Strix aluco*)  
 Teal (*Anas crecca*)  
 Tufted duck (*Aythya fuligula*)  
 Water rail (*Rallus aquaticus*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 White-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*)  
 Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)  
 Willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)  
 Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)  
 Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)  
 Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*)  
 Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)  
 Wood pigeon (*Columba palumbus*)  
 Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)  
 Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)

### **3.3 Mammals**

Badger (*Meles meles*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside and Palacerigg Country Park  
 Bank vole (*Myodes glareolus*) – remains found on site  
 Brown hare (*Lepus europaeus*)  
 Common pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Common shrew (*Sorex araneus*) #  
 European hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)  
 European mole (*Talpes europea*)  
 European otter (*Lutra lutra*) – scat  
 Field vole (*Microtus agrestis*)  
 Grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)  
 Pine martin (*Martes martes*) \* Recorded at Palacerigg Country Park  
 Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) –scat & footprints  
 Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*)  
 Stoat (*Mustela erminea*)  
 Water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) \* Recorded at Palacerigg Country Park  
 Weasel (*Mustela nivalis*) #

### **3.4 Invertebrates**

#### **Acari (mites)**

birch gall mite (*Acalitus rudis*)  
 Alder gall mite (*Eriophyes inagulis*)

#### **Araneae (spiders)**

Common crab spider (*Xysticus cristatus*)  
 comb-footed spider (*Enoplognatha ovata* agg.)  
 comb-footed spider (*Theridion sisypium*)  
 Cucumber spider (*Araniella* sp.)  
 Four-spot orb weaver (*Araneus quadratus*)  
 Furrowed orb-weaver (*Larinioides cornutus*)  
 Garden orb weaver (*Araneus diadematus*)

Grass blade spider (*Tibellus oblongus*)  
 jumping spider (*Neon reticulatus*)  
 Lace-webbed spider (*Amaurobius similis*) #  
 long-jawed spider (*Metellina mendei*)  
 long-jawed spider (*Metellina segmentata*)  
 long-jawed spider (*Tetragnatha extensa*)  
 long-jawed spider (*Tetragnatha montana*)  
 money spider (*Bathyphantes setiger*)  
 money spider (*Bolyphantes luteolus*)  
 money spider (*Centromerita concinna*)  
 money spider (*Ceratinella brevipes*)  
 money spider (*Cnephalocotes obscurus*)  
 money spider (*Floronia bucculenta*)  
 money spider (*Gonatium rubens*)  
 money spider (*Linyphia triangularis*)  
 money spider (*Maso sundevalli*)  
 money spider (*Meioneta saxatilis*) *sensu stricto*  
 money spider (*Micrargus herbigradus*) *sensu stricto*  
 money spider (*Neriene* sp.)  
 money spider (*Paidiscura pallens*)  
 money spider (*Pelecopsis parallela*)  
 money spider (*Peponocranium ludicrum*)  
 money spider (*Pocadicnemis pumila sensu stricto*)  
 money spider (*Saaristoa firma*)  
 money spider (*Tenuiphantes cristatus*)  
 money spider (*Tenuiphantes mendei*)  
 money spider (*Tenuiphantes tenuis*)  
 money spider (*Tenuiphantes zimmemanni*)  
 money spider (*Walckenaeria acuminata*)  
 money spider (*Walckenaeria antica*)  
 money spider (*Walckenaeria unicornis*)  
 mesh-web spider (*Dictyna* sp)  
 mesh-web spider (*Dictyna arundinacea*)  
 orb-weaver spider (*Hypsosinga pygmaea*)  
 sac spider (*Cheiracanthium erraticum*)  
 sac spider (*Clubiona trivialis*)  
 wolf spider (*Pardosa* sp.)  
 wolf spider (*Pardosa amentata*)  
 wolf spider (*Pardosa nigriceps*)  
 wolf spider (*Pardosa palustris*)  
 wolf spider (*Pirata piraticus*)  
 wolf spider (*Trochosa ruricola*)

### **Coleoptera (beetles)**

Birch leaf roller weevil (*Deporaus betulae*)  
 Black snail beetle (*Silpha atrata*)  
 Blue willow beetle (*Phratora vulgatissima*)  
 click beetle (*Athous haemorrhoidalis*)  
 click beetle (*Ctenicera cuprea*)  
 click beetle (*Denticollis linearis*)  
 diving beetle (*Agabus bipustulatus*)  
 diving beetle (*Agabus sturmi*)  
 diving beetle (*Dytiscus* sp.)

diving beetle (*Hydroporus gyllenhalii*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus erythrocephalus*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus incognitus*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus morio*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus obscurus*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus palustris*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus pubescens*)  
 diving beetle (*Hydroporus tristis*)  
 diving beetle (*Rhantus suturellus*)  
 diving beetle (*Stictonectes lepidus*)  
 ground beetle (*Agonum ericeti*) – bog specialist  
 ground beetle (*Agonum fuliginosum*)  
 ground beetle (*Bembidion bruxellense*)  
 ground beetle (*Bembidion stephensii*)  
 ground beetle (*Calodromius spilotus*)  
 ground beetle (*Carabus problematicus*)  
 ground beetle (*Dromius quadrimaculatus*)  
 ground beetle (*Loricera pilicornis*)  
 ground beetle (*Paranchus albipes*)  
 ground beetle (*Pterostichus adstrictus*)  
 ground beetle (*Pterostichus diligens*)  
 ground beetle (*Pterostichus madidus*)  
 ground beetle (*Pterostichus niger*)  
 ground beetle (*Pterostichus rhaeticus*)  
 Heather beetle (*Lochmaea suturalis*)  
 Hieroglyphic ladybird (*Coccinella hieroglyphica*)  
 Larch ladybird (*Aphidecta oblitterata*)  
 leaf beetle (*Phaedon armoraciae*)  
 leaf beetle (*Phyllotreta flexuosa*)  
 leaf beetle (*Plagioderma versicolora*)  
 leaf beetle (*Neocrepidodera transversa*)  
 Orange ladybird (*Halyzia sedecimguttata*)  
 Raspberry beetle (*Byturus tomentosus*)  
 Red-breasted carrion beetle (*Oiceoptoma thoracicum*)  
 Red soldier beetle (*Rhagonycha fulva*)  
 reed beetle (*Plateumaris discolor*)  
 rove beetle (*Anthrophagus caraboides*)  
 rove beetle (*Platydracus stercorarius*)  
 rove beetle (*Quedius fuliginosus*)  
 rove beetle (*Quedius* sp.)  
 rove beetle (*Staphylinus erythropterus*)  
 rove beetle (*Stenus brunnipes*)  
 rove beetle (*Stenus lustrator*)  
 rove beetle (*Stenus nitens*)  
 rove beetle (*Stenus pubescens*)  
 rove beetle (*Stenus similis*)  
 Seven-spot ladybird (*Coccinella 7-punctata*)  
 sexton beetle (*Nicrophorus humator*)  
 sexton beetle (*Nicrophorus vespilloides*)  
 soldier beetle (*Cantharis pellucida*)  
 soldier beetle (*Rhagonycha limbata*)  
 Ten-spot ladybird (*Adalia 10-punctata*)  
 thick-legged flower beetle (*Oedemera virescens*)

Two-banded longhorn (*Rhagium bifasciatum*)  
tumbling flower beetle (*Anaspis thoracica*)  
water scavenger beetle (*Anacaena lutescens*)  
water scavenger beetle (*Anacaena globulus*)  
water scavenger beetle (*Helophorus flavipes*)  
water scavenger beetle (*Hydrobius fuscipes*)  
weevil (*Limnobaris dolorosa*)  
weevil (*Micrelus ericae*)  
weevil (*Otiorhynchus singularis*)  
weevil (*Orchestes ruscii*)  
weevil (*Phyllobius pyri*)  
weevil (*Polydrusus cervinus*)  
weevil (*Strophosoma melanogrammum*)  
whirligig beetle (*Gyrinus substriatus*)  
whirligig beetle (*Gyrinus caspius*)  
Willow leaf beetle (*Lochmaea caprea*)

### **Collembola (spring tails)**

globular springtail (*Dicyrtomina fusca*)  
globular springtail (*Dicyrtomina minuta*)  
globular springtail (*Dicyrtomina saundersi*)  
globular springtail (*Sminthurus viridis*)

### **Dermiptera (earwings)**

Common earwig (*Forficula auricularia*)

### **Diptera (flies)**

biting midge (*Culicoides* sp.)  
biting midge (*Culiseta* sp.)  
biting mosquito (*Aedes* sp.) -larvae  
blowfly (*Calliphora* sp.)  
blowfly (*Lucilia* sp.)  
cleg (*Haematopota pluvialis*)  
conopid fly (*Conops quadrifasciatus*)  
conopid fly (*Sicus ferrugineus*)  
cluster fly (*Pollenia* sp.)  
crane fly (*Dolichopeza albipes*)  
crane fly (*Idioptera pulchella*)  
crane fly (*Limonia mitis*)  
crane fly (*Pedicia rivosa*)  
crane fly (*Phalacroceras replicata*)  
crane fly (*Tipula paludosa*)  
crane fly (*Tipula subnodicornis*)  
crane fly (*Ula mollissima*)  
dancefly (*Hybos culiciformis*)  
Deer ked (*Lipoptena cervi*)  
Down-looker snipefly (*Rhagio scolopaceus*)  
fungus gnat (*Bolitophila saundersii*)  
gall midge (*Iteomyia capreae*)  
Holly leaf miner (*Phytomyza ilicis*)  
hoverfly (*Cheilosia bergenstammi*)  
hoverfly (*Cheilosia grossa*)  
hoverfly (*Cheilosia pagana*)

hoverfly (*Chrysotoxum arcuatum*)  
 hoverfly (*Dasysyrphus venustus*)  
 hoverfly (*Epistrophe grossulariae*)  
 hoverfly (*Episyrphus balteatus*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis arbustorum*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis horticola*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis intricarius*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis nemorum*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis pertinax*)  
 hoverfly (*Eristalis tenax*)  
 hoverfly (*Eupeodes luniger*)  
 hoverfly (*Helophilus hybridus*)  
 hoverfly (*Helophilus pendulus*)  
 hoverfly (*Helophilus trivittatus*)  
 hoverfly (*Leucozona glauca*)  
 hoverfly (*Leucozona lucorum*)  
 hoverfly (*Meliscaeva cinctella*)  
 hoverfly (*Melanostoma scalare*)  
 hoverfly (*Melanostoma mellinum*)  
 hoverfly (*Melangyna lasiophthalma*)  
 hoverfly (*Myathropa florea*)  
 hoverfly (*Neoascia tenur*)  
 hoverfly (*Pipizella viduata*)  
 hoverfly (*Parasyrphus punctulatus*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus albimanus*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus clypeatus*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus granditarsus*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus occultus*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus ramsarensis*)  
 hoverfly (*Platycheirus rosarum*)  
 hoverfly (*Rhingia campestris*)  
 hoverfly (*Scaeva pyrastris*)  
 hoverfly (*Sericomyia lappona*)  
 hoverfly (*Sericomyia silentis*)  
 hoverfly (*Sphaerophoria* sp.)  
 hoverfly (*Syrphus ribesii*)  
 hoverfly (*Syrphus vitripennis/rectus*)  
 hoverfly (*Syrpitta pipiens*)  
 hoverfly (*Volucella bombylans*)  
 hoverfly (*Volucella pellucens*)  
 marsh fly (*Pherbellia albocostata*)  
 mothflies (*Psychodidae*)  
 Noon fly (*Mesembrina meridiana*)  
 picture-wing fly (*Campiglossa argyrocephala*)  
 picture-wing fly (*Tephritis conura*)  
 picture-wing fly (*Xyphosia miliaria*)  
 pipunculid fly (*Verrallia aucta*)  
 Red-legged St Marks fly (*Bibio pomonae*)  
 soldierfly (*Beris chalybata*)  
 soldierfly (*Beris vallata*)  
 St Mark's fly (*Bibio marci*)  
 tachinid fly (*Gymnochaeta viridis*)  
 tachinid fly (*Tachina ursina*)



tachinid fly (*Tachina grossa*)  
winter gnats (Trichoceridae)  
Yellow dung fly (*Scathophaga stercoraria*)

### **Ephemeroptera (mayflies)**

Claret dun (*Leptophlebia vespertina*)  
Pond olive (*Cloeon dipterum*)

### **Hemiptera (true bugs)**

Alder spittlebug (*Aphrophora alni*)  
back swimmer (*Notonecta* sp.)  
Common froghopper (*Philaenus spumarius*)  
Gorse shieldbug (*Piezodorus lituratus*)  
ground bug (*Nysius* sp.)  
lace hopper (*Cixius nervosus*)  
leaf hopper (*Cicadella viridis*)  
leaf hopper (*Cicadula quadrinotata*)  
leaf hopper (*Idiocerus lituratus*)  
leaf hopper (*Conosanus obsoletus*)  
Marsh damselbug (*Nabis limbatus*)  
Marsh froghopper (*Neophilaenus lineatus*)  
Meadow plant bug (*Leptopterna dolabrata*)  
mirid plant bug (*Capsus ater*)  
mirid plant bug (*Orthotylus ericetorum*)  
mirid plant bug (*Pithanus maerkelii*)  
mirid plant bug (*Stenodema calcarata*)  
mirid plant bug (*Stenodema holsata*)  
mirid plant bug (*Stenodema laevigata*)  
mirid plant bug (*Teratocoris* sp.)  
mirid plant bug (*Trigonotylus caelestialum*)  
plant hopper (*Conomelus anceps*)  
pond skater (*Gerris* sp.)  
pond skater (*Gerris thoracicus*)  
shore bug (*Saldula* sp.)  
Spiked shieldbug (*Picromerus bidens*)  
Water boatman (*Arctocorisa germari*)  
water boatman (*Callicorixa wollastoni*)  
water boatman (*Hesperocorixa sahlbergi*)  
water boatman (*Sigara* sp.)  
water cricket (*Velia caprai*)  
water cricket (*Velia saulii*)

### **Hymenoptera (ants, bees, sawflies & wasps)**

ant (*Formica lemani*)  
ant (*Lasius niger*)  
ant (*Leptothorax acervorum*)  
ant (*Myrmica ruginodis*)  
Bedeguar gall wasp (*Diplolepis rosae*)  
Blaeberry bumblebee (*Bombus monticola*)  
Buff-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*)  
Clarke's mining bee (*Andrena clarkella*)  
Common carder bumblebee (*Bombus pascuorum*)

Common social wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*)  
 Cryptic bumblebee (*Bombus cryptarum*)  
 Early bumblebee (*Bombus pratorum*)  
 Early mining bee (*Andrena haemorrhoa*)  
 Field cuckoo bumblebee (*Bombus campestris*)  
 Forest cuckoo bumblebee (*Bombus sylvestris*)  
 furrow bees (*Lasioglossum* sp.)  
 Giant horntail (*Urocerus gigas*)  
 Gypsy cuckoo bumblebee (*Bombus bohemicus*)  
 Heath bumblebee (*Bombus jonellus*)  
 Heather colletes (*Colletes succinctus*)  
 Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*)  
 Northern sallow mining-bee (*Andrena ruficrus*)  
 Northern white-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus magnus*)  
 Orange-legged furrow-bee (*Halictus rubicundus*)  
 Parasitic wasps (*Ophion* sp.)  
 Red wasp (*Vespa rufa*)  
 Rose pea gall wasp (*Diplolepis nervosa/eglanteriae*)  
 Sabre wasp (*Rhyssa persuasoria*)  
 Sallow sawfly (*Nematus ferrugineus*)  
 Scabious sawfly (*Abia sericea*)  
 Smooth-faced furrow-bee (*Lasioglossum fratellum*)  
 Tree wasp (*Dolichovespula sylvestris*)  
 White-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus lucorum* agg)

#### **Isopoda (woodlice)**

Common striped woodlouse (*Philoscia muscorum*)  
 Common rough woodlouse (*Porcellio scaber*)  
 Pygmy woodlouse (*Trichoniscus pusillus*)

#### **Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths)**

Angle shades (*Phlogophora meticulosa*)  
 Antler moth (*Cerapteryx graminis*)  
 Autumnal rustic (*Eugnorisma glareosa*)  
 Barred straw (*Gandaritis pyraliata*)  
 Beautiful yellow underwing (*Anarta myrtilli*)  
 Bird cherry ermine (*Yponomeuta evonymella*) \* Palacerigg Country Park  
 Blaeberry roller (*Ancylis myrtillana*)  
 Blaeberry tortrix (*Aphelia viburnana*)  
 Black rustic (*Aporophyla nigra*)  
 Bordered white (*Bupalus piniaria*)  
 Brimstone moth (*Opisthograptis luteolata*)  
 Brindled flat-body (*Agonopterix arenella*)  
 Brindled pug (*Eupithecia abbreviata*)  
 Broom moth (*Ceramica pisi*)  
 Brown china-mark (*Elophila nymphaeata*)  
 Brown rustic (*Rusina ferruginea*)  
 Brown silver-lines (*Petrophora chlorosata*)  
 Buff-tip moth (*Phalera bucephala*)  
 Burnished brass (*Diachrysia chrysitis*)  
 Canary-shouldered thorn (*Ennomos alniaria*)  
 Carrion moth (*Monopis weaverella*)  
 Chestnut (*Conistra vaccinii*)

Cinnabar moth (*Tyria jacobaeae*)  
 Clouded border (*Lomaspilis marginata*)  
 Clouded drab (*Orthosia incerta*)  
 Common birch pygmy (*Stigmella betulicola*)  
 Common carpet (*Epirrhoe alternata*)  
 Common flat-body (*Agonopterix heracliana*)  
 Common grass veneer (*Agriphila tristella*)  
 Common heath (*Ematurga atomaria atomaria*)  
 Common marbled carpet (*Chloroclysta truncata*)  
 Common plume (*Emmelina monodactyla*)  
 Common pug (*Eupithecia vulgata*)  
 Common quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*)  
 Common rush case-bearer (*Coleophora alticolella*)  
 Common tortrix (*Capua vulgana*)  
 Common wainscot (*Mythimna pallens*)  
 Common white wave (*Cabera pusaria*)  
 Common wave (*Cabera exanthemata*)  
 Copper underwing (*Amphipyra pyramidea*)  
 Coxcomb prominent (*Ptilodon capucina*)  
 Dark arches (*Apamea monoglypha*)  
 Dark brocade (*Blepharita adusta*)  
 Dark green fritillary (*Argynnis aglaja*)  
 Dark marbled carpet (*Chloroclysta citrata*)  
 December moth (*Poecilocampa populi*)  
 Diamond-back moth (*Plutella xylostella*)  
 Dotted border (*Agriopsis marginaria*)  
 Dotted clay (*Xestia baja*)  
 Double square-spot (*Xestia triangulum*)  
 Drinker moth (*Euthrix potatoria*)  
 Ear moth agg (*Amphipoea* sp.)  
 Early grey (*Xylocampa areola*)  
 Early tooth-striped (*Trichopteryx carpinata*)  
 Elephant hawkmoth (*Deilephila elpenor*)  
 Emperor moth (*Saturnia pavonia*)  
 Engrailed (*Ectropis bistortata*)  
 Feathered thorn (*Colotois pennaria*)  
 Flame carpet (*Xanthorhoe designata*)  
 Flame shoulder (*Ochropleura plecta*)  
 Fox moth (*Macrothylacia rubi*)  
 Garden grass-veneer (*Chrysoteuchia culmella*)  
 Garden tiger (*Arctia caja*)  
 Gold spangle (*Autographa bractea*)  
 Gold spot (*Plusia festucae*)  
 Golden pigmy (*Stigmella aurella*)  
 Gothic (*Naenia typica*)  
 Grass veneer (*Crambus pascuella*)  
 Grey dagger (*Acronicta psi*)  
 Grey pine carpet (*Thera obeliscata*)  
 Grey rush case-bearer (*Coleophora glaucicolella*)  
 Green-brindled crescent (*Allophyas oxyacanthae*)  
 Green carpet (*Colostygia pectinataria*)  
 Green hairstreak (*Callophrys rubi*)  
 Green-veined white (*Pieris napi*)

Haworth's minor (*Celaena haworthii*)  
 Heart & dart (*Agrotis exclamationis*)  
 Heath rustic (*Xestia agathina*)  
 Heath twist (*Philedonides lunana*)  
 Heather groundling (*Neofaculta ericetella*)  
 Hebrew character (*Orthosia gothica*)  
 Hook-streaked grass-veneer (*Crambus lathonellus*)  
 Ingrailed clay (*Diarsia mendica*)  
 July highflyer (*Hydriomena furcata*)  
 Knotgrass (*Acronicta rumicis*)  
 Large emerald (*Geometra papilionaria*)  
 Large white (*Pieris brassicae*) \* Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
 Large yellow underwing (*Noctua pronuba*)  
 Latticed heath (*Chiasmia clathrata*)  
 Lempke's gold spot (*Plusia putnami gracilis*)  
 Lesser broad-bordered yellow underwing (*Noctua janthe*)  
 Lesser swallow prominent (*Pheosia gnoma*)  
 Light emerald (*Campaea margaritata*)  
 Lesser yellow underwing (*Noctua comes*)  
 Little cosmet (*Mompha raschkiella*)  
 Lunar hornet moth (*Sesia bembeciformis*)  
 Lunar marbled brown (*Drymonia ruficornis*)  
 Map-winged swift (*Hepialus fusconebulosa*)  
 Manchester treble-bar (*Carsia sororiata*)  
 March dagger (*Diurnea fagella*)  
 March moth (*Alsophila aescularia*)  
 Marbled conch (*Eupoecilia angustana*)  
 May highflyer (*Hydriomena impluviata*)  
 Meadow brown (*Maniola jurtina*)  
 Meadow longhorn (*Cauchas rufimitrella*)  
 Mottled beauty (*Alcis repandata*)  
 Mottled grey (*Colostygia multistrigaria*)  
 Mottled umber (*Erannis defoliaria*)  
 Narrow-winged pug (*Eupithecia nanata*)  
 Neglected rustic (*Xestia castanea*)  
 Northern eggar (*Lasiocampa quercus callunae*)  
 Northern spinach (*Eulithis populata*)  
 November moth (*Epirrita dilutata*)  
 Nut-tree tussock (*Colocasia coryli*)  
 Oak beauty (*Biston strataria*)  
 Orange tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*)  
 Orange underwing (*Archiearis parthenias*)  
 Painted lady (*Vanessa cardui*)  
 Peacock (*Aglais io*)  
 Pearl-banded grass veneer (*Catoptria margaritella*)  
 Pebble prominent (*Notodonta ziczac*)  
 Peppered moth (*Biston betularia*)  
 Pine beauty (*Panolis flammea*)  
 Pine bell (*Epinotia rubiginosana*)  
 Pine bud moth (*Pseudococcyx turionella*)  
 Pink-barred sallow (*Xanthia togata*)  
 Plain gold (*Micropterix calthella*)  
 Poplar hawkmoth (*Laothoe populi*)

Powdered quaker (*Orthosia gracilis*)  
 Puss moth (*Cerura vinula*)  
 Red admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*)  
 Red-green carpet (*Chloroclysta siterata*)  
 Red-necked footman (*Atolmis rubricollis*)  
 Red sword grass (*Xylota exsoleta*)  
 Riband Wave (*Idaea aversata*)  
 Ringlelet (*Aphantopus hyperantus*)  
 Rush marble (*Bactra lancealana*)  
 Rustic shoulder-knot (*Apamea sordens*)  
 Sallow (*Xanthia icteritia*)  
 Scalloped oak (*Crocallis elinguaris*)  
 Scarce silver Y (*Syngrapha interrogationis*)  
 Shaded broadbar (*Scotopteryx chenopodiata*)  
 Shears (*Hada plebeja*)  
 Silver-ground carpet (*Xanthorhoe montanata*)  
 Silver Y (*Autographa gamma*)  
 Six-spot burnet (*Zygaena filipendulae*)  
 Six-striped rustic (*Xestia sexstrigata*)  
 Small argent & sable (*Epirrhoe tristata*)  
 Small autumnal moth (*Epirrita filigrammaria*)  
 Small copper (*Lycaena phlaeas*)  
 Small dotted buff (*Photedes minima*)  
 Small fan-footed wave (*Idaea biselata*)  
 Small heath (*Coenonympha pamphilus*)  
 Small pearl-bordered fritillary (*Boloria selene*)  
 Small quaker (*Orthosia cruda*)  
 Small square-spot (*Diarsia rubi*)  
 Small tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae*)  
 Small wainscot (*Chortodes pygmina*)  
 Small white (*Pieris rapae*)  
 Spruce carpet (*Thera britannica*)  
 Square-spot rustic (*Xestia xanthographa*)  
 Straw dot (*Rivula sericealis*)  
 Swallow-tailed moth (*Ourapteryx sambucaria*)  
 The Chevron (*Eulithis testata*)  
 The Miller (*Acronicta leporina*)  
 The Spectacle (*Abrostola tripartita*)  
 True lover's knot (*Lycophotia porphyria*)  
 Twin-spot carpet (*Perizoma didymata*)  
 Twin-spot plume (*stenopilia bipunctidactyla*)  
 Twin-spot quaker (*Orthosia munda*)  
 Vapourer (*Eupithecia nanata*)  
 Water carpet (*Lampropteryx suffumata*)  
 Willow beauty (*Peribatodes rhomboidaria*)  
 White blotch bell (*Epinotia trigonella*)  
 White ermine (*Spilosoma lubricipeda*)  
 White sallow bell (*Epinotia subocellana*)  
 White streak (*Pleurota bicostella*)  
 Winter moth (*Operophtera brumata*)  
 Woodland marble (*Orthotaenia undulana*)  
 Yellow-barred gold (*Micropterix aureatella*)  
 Yellow horned (*Achlya flavicornis*)

Yellow-lined quaker (*Agrochola lotta*)  
Yellow shell (*Camptogramma bilineata*)

**Lithobiomorpha (stone centipedes)**

Common brown centipede (*Lithobius forficatus*)

**Mecoptera (scorpion flies)**

scorpionfly (*Panorpa germanica*)

**Megaloptera (alderflies)**

Common alderfly (*Sialis lutaria*)

**Molluscs (slugs and snails)**

Black slug (*Arion ater*)  
Dusky slug (*Arion subfuscus*)  
Garlic snail (*Oxychilus alliarius*) #  
Hedgehog slug (*Arion intermedius*)  
Marsh slug (*Deroceras laeve*)  
Rounded snail (*Discus rotundatus*) #  
Slippery snail (*Cochlicopa lubrica*) #  
New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

**Myriapods (centipedes and millipedes)**

Black snake millipede (*Tachypodoiulus niger*)  
Orange striped millipede (*Ommatoiulus sabulosus*)  
Flat-backed millipede (*Polydesmus* sp.)

**Neuroptera (lacewings)**

green lacewing (*Chrysopa pallens*)  
green lacewing (*Chrysopa perla*)

**Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies)**

Azure damselfly (*Coenagrion puella*)  
Black darter (*Sympetrum danae*)  
Blue-tailed damselfly (*Ischnura elegans*)  
Common blue damselfly (*Enallagma cyathigerum*)  
Common darter (*Sympetrum striolatum*)  
Common hawker (*Aeshna juncea*)  
Emerald damselfly (*Lestes sponsa*)  
Four-spotted chaser (*Libellula quadrimaculata*)  
Golden-ringed dragonfly (*Cordulegaster boltonii*) \*Recorded at RSPB Fannyside  
Large red damselfly (*Pyrrhosoma nymphula*)

**Opilliones (harvestmen)**

harvestman (*Mitopus morio*)  
harvestman (*Paroligolophus agrestis*)

**Orthoptera (grasshoppers and crickets)**

Common green grasshopper (*Omocestus viridulus*)  
Field grasshopper (*Chorthippus brunneus*)

**Plecoptera (stoneflies)**

Early needle fly (*Leuctra hippopus*)

Small brown stonefly (*Nemoura cinerea*)

**Pseudoscorpiones (Pseudoscorpions)**

Common moss nipper (*Neobisium carinoides*)

**Trichoptera (Caddisflies)**

Cinnamon sedge (*Limnephilus griseus*)

caddisfly (*Limnephilus lunatus*)

caddisfly (*Plectrocnemia conspersa*)

caddisfly (*Rhadicoleptus alpestris*)

**3.5 Reptiles and Amphibians**

**Reptiles**

Adder (*Vipera berus*) \*Recorded at SWT Forest Wood

Common lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*)

**Amphibians**

Common frog (*Rana temporaria*)

Common toad (*Bufo bufo*)

Palmate newt (*Lissotriton helveticus*)

Smooth newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*) \* Recorded at Palacerigg Country Park

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