

## Appendix 2

### Local Wildlife Site Schedule: 'SW47 - Perry Wood, nr Selling'

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#### KENT LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES

Site Ref. No: SW47

Site:	Perry Wood, Near Selling	Last approved:	June 2007
LPA:	Swale / Canterbury	Central Grid Ref:	TR 045553
Parish:	Selling / Chilham	Category:	Woodland, running water, standing water
Owner:	Swale Borough Council / Private	Natural Area:	North Kent Plain
Area:	83 ha	AONB:	Kent Downs
First notified:	2007	TPO:	Yes
Date surveyed	2005		

#### REASON FOR DESIGNATION

This block of ancient woodland supports five species of nationally vulnerable and endangered hydroid fungi, and over 70 bryophyte species, including several species that are rare or endangered in Kent. Three county scarce flowering plant species also occur within the site. The woodland avifauna is also of considerable interest holding breeding populations of two county rare and two BAP priority bird species. The site is also important for invertebrates and is one of the most intensively recorded woodlands in the country.

#### RATIONALE FOR SITE BOUNDARY

The boundary has been drawn around the main block of woodland. Areas of built development and improved grassland situated within the main site boundary have been excluded. Where roads run through the wood, these are included because the woodbanks and other banks alongside them are notable for lower plants and relict woodland flora. Woodbanks around the edge of the wood are also included within the site.

#### DESCRIPTION

This large area of woodland is situated on soils derived from Eocene clays and sands. Soils are generally acidic, although slightly richer soils occur on lower ground at the northern and south-eastern ends of the complex.

Most of the woodland has been converted to actively-managed sweet chestnut coppice and conifer plantations. Relict sessile oak coppice, much of it singled, occurs occasionally. Oak, beech and sweet chestnut standards are also occasional within the broadleaved areas. A good stand of beech remains at TR 046555. Silver birch and downy birch are scattered throughout, and dense stands can be seen where woodland has been felled or trees fell in the 1987 storm. Holly is frequent, and rowan and whitebeam are very occasional. Hazel, ash and hornbeam can all be found on the lower, slightly richer soils, but are never very common. Rhododendron often dominates the shrub layer and regenerates rapidly after coppicing and when trees are lost or felled. Bracken *Pteridium aquilinum* is locally common. One or two large stands of butcher's broom *Ruscus aculeatus* are also present.

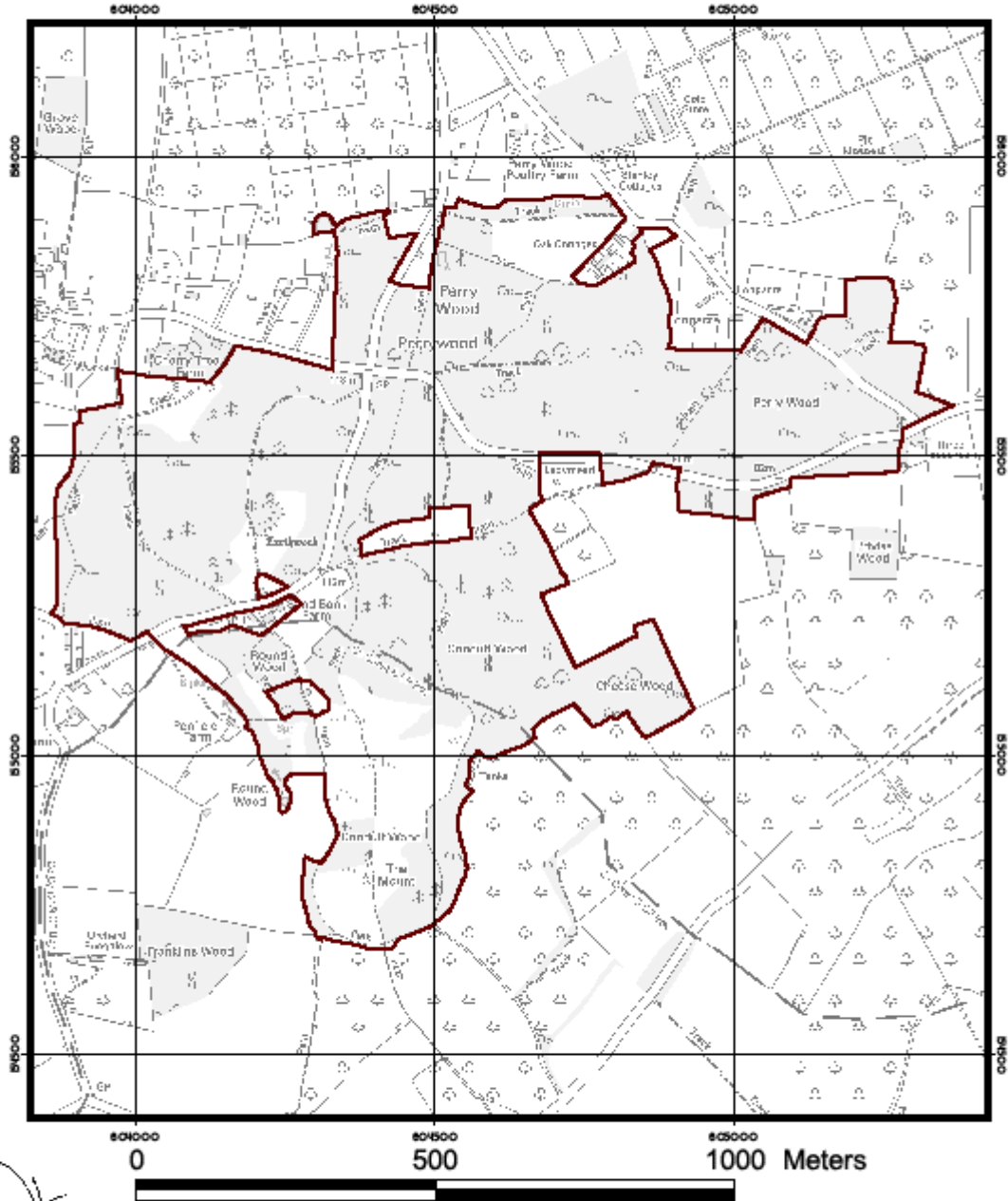


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