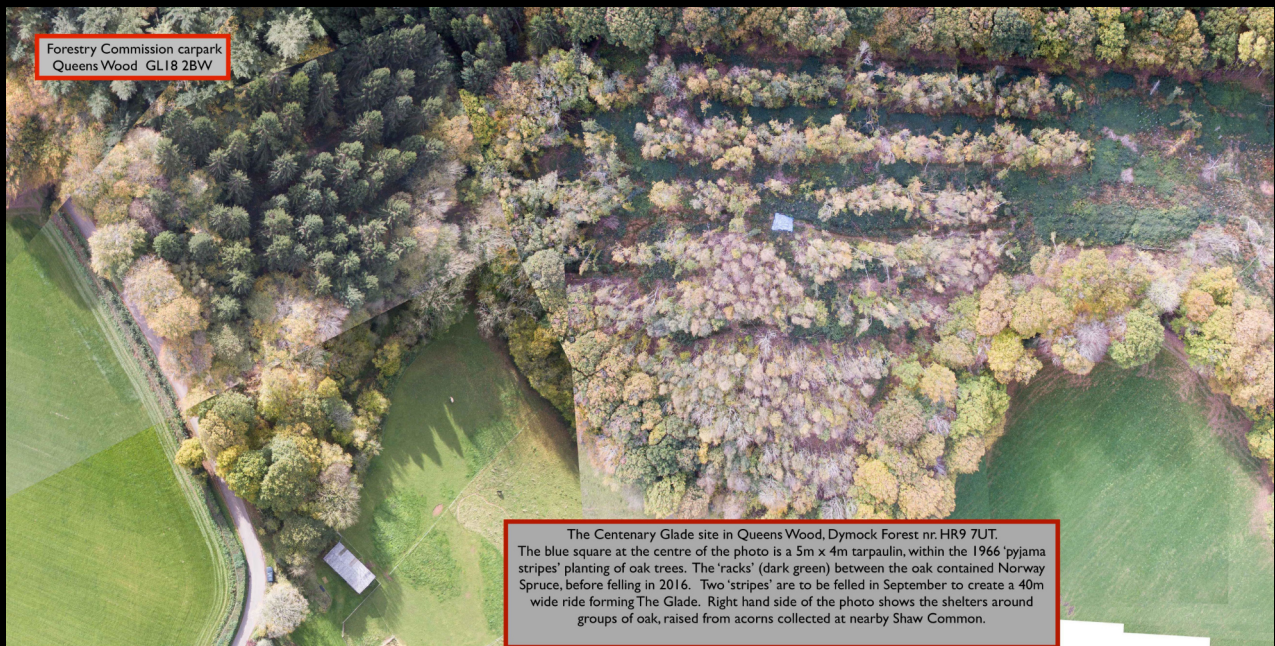


# DyFRA

## Dymock Forest Rural Action

# CENTENARY GLADE - 1919-2019

The Centenary Glade is a community project in partnership with Forestry England, based in Queens Wood, a former softwood plantation. The aim of the project is to enhance biodiversity, providing suitable conditions for woodland flora and fauna to flourish.



First the area was restored and coppiced by Forestry England to allow light to reach the woodland floor. Then, to celebrate one hundred years of the work of the Forestry Commission (1919-2019), DyFRA organised the planting of 500 trees by local schoolchildren and many supportive volunteers.

Along the edges of the forest ride we planted wild cherry, wild service tree, guelder rose and hazel to provide the flowering and fruiting species so vital as habitat for insects and bees. Our target species include moths and butterflies such as the drab looper moth, the yellow Brimstone and silver washed Fritillaries, whose caterpillars rely on alder buckthorn and dog violet.

Plant species include Lily of the Valley, Herb Paris and our native daffodils and wood anemone. This ancient woodland provides a natural home for woodcock, raven, goshawk and our star species, the dormouse.



# Mass planting for 'Golden Triangle' centenaries



• Children of Redmarley Primary School.



• Norman Evans of Transition Newent plants one of the trees.



• Mark Rusby of Upton Bishop, Andrew Perry of Dymock, and Upton Bishop parish councillor Tony Chudziak.



• John Doyle of Kempley and Rosie Skivington of Newent lent a hand.

SOME 500 trees have been planted by volunteers in a glade in the 'Golden Triangle' on the Gloucestershire-Herefordshire border to mark a number of centenaries.

The 'centenary glade' near Kempley celebrates 100 years of the Forestry Commission, local Women's

Institutes and the sale of the Beauchamp estates, which included Kempley and Dymock.

But as well as acknowledging the past, the planting also makes a statement about the importance of tackling climate change and improving biodiversity.

The glade is part of a wider initiative by the Dymock Forest Rural Action group (Dyfra).

Some 70 people, including schoolchildren, members of Women's Institutes, groups such as Transition Newent, parish councillors and Forestry Commission staff, took part in the planting.

It took place on Friday, March 1, which is the start of the wild daffodil season.

The border area became known as the

Golden Triangle because of the unparalleled display of daffs.

Dyfra's Chris Bligh said: "It is about memorialising, but also the immediate concern around climate change."

"Earl Beauchamp who owned the three big estates of Dymock, Kempley and Redmarley sold them in 1919.

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• There was no mechanical help to move material.