



Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey® mapping by permission of Ordnance Survey® on behalf of The Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. © Crown Copyright. Licence number AL 100020327

Bra137. Great Spansey Wood (15.5 ha) TL 797305

Great Spansey Wood comprises Small-leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*) coppice with a mix of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and some Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) coppice. An interesting feature of the wood is the presence of Large-leaved Lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*). Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) form the shrub layer. Species of interest include Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) and Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*).

Little Spansey Wood comprises coppiced Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Birch (*Betula* sp.), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) also occurring in the canopy. Species present in the ground flora include Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Yellow Archangel (*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*) and Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), whilst small clearings within the wood have stands of Broad Buckler Fern (*Dryopteris dilatata*).

Selection Criteria: HCr1(a), HCr2(a)