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Bra216. Witch Wood, lane and hedges (10.8 ha) TL 857255

This ancient wood has a canopy of Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Small-leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*) and Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*). The understorey of Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) also includes Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*). The ground flora is diverse, typical species being Wood False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), Enchanter's Nightshade (*Circaea lutetiana*), Three-veined Sandwort (*Moehringia trinervia*), Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*) and Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg). Numerous ponds add to the habitat diversity.

Linking onto Witch wood are ancient hedgerows, presumably former woodland boundaries, and a green lane. Small-leaved Lime is frequent, along with plentiful Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Pedunculate Oak, Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and lesser amounts of Midland Hawthorn, Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) and Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*). The green lane also includes Spurge Laurel (*Daphne laureola*) and Wild Service Tree (*Sorbus torminalis*). The woodland-type ground flora includes Primrose, Creeping Soft-grass (*Holcus mollis*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) and Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*).

Selection Criteria: HCr1(a), HCr9(a)