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#### **Bra85. Lowt's Wood (11.8 ha) TL 763332**

This site comprises of an ancient wood block of Lowt's Wood to the south-west end, and a non-ancient component extending north eastwards along a stream course. The ancient block comprises old Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) coppice with Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards over a densely shaded ground flora notable for the abundance of Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*). The remainder of the wood has no coppice, but has standards of Oak and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) over Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) and Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) scrub. Additional ground flora species include Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Three-veined Sandwort (*Moehringia trinervia*) and Red Campion (*Silene dioica*).

The non-ancient extension to the north-east lies astride a small, currently dry stream. The northernmost section is a wet Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) wood with an associated marshy ground flora, which includes Giant Horsetail (*Equisetum telmateia*) and Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*). The drier wood to the south-west comprises Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) over a typical ground flora, amongst which Moschatel (*Adoxa moschatellina*) has been recorded. South of the stream bed, Ash, Oak, Hazel and Elder are accompanied by Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*). The ground flora includes Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) and Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*).

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