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Bra97. Oak Grove/Sandbury Hills Plantation (6.2 ha) TL 771307

Oak Grove has a canopy of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) over Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), with many other woody species occurring more sparingly. The ground flora, though species rich, contains few ancient woodland species although Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) is abundant and Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*) is also present.

Sandbury Hills Plantation joins onto the northwest edge of Oak Grove. Here, Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) dominates the canopy of this wood, with Small-leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and many other woody species present in smaller quantities. The ground flora is at its most diverse at the southern end, adjacent to the ancient Oak Grove. Here, Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Wood False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*) and Wood Sage (*Teucrium scorodonia*) are widespread.

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