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**Bra168. Link Hills (11.7 ha) TL 816347**

The western section of this ancient wood comprises marshy ground with Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) coppice and standards. The ground flora here has much Lesser Pond Sedge (*Carex acutiformis*), Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) and Great Willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*). To the east, drier ground supports old Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*) coppice with Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards with Birch (*Betula* spp.), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and planted Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) also present. The ground flora reflects the freely drained conditions with such species as Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Wood Sage (*Teucrium scorodonia*), Creeping Soft-grass (*Holcus mollis*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) and Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*). Very active game conservancy management is in operation.

**Selection Criteria:** HCr1(a)