

Kentish Cobnut Platt Survey 2005

The Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and the North West Countryside Partnership are currently working on a new project to assess the presence and current status of Cobnut Platts in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and along the Greensand ridge.

Old Kentish Cobnut Platts are very important for nature conservation, they support a rich variety of plants and birds. They are also have important landscape historical and cultural value.

There is little known about the current location, management and potential restoration of Cobnut Orchards. This study aims to provide information on their distribution and status to advise landowners, where appropriate, on their management and restoration.

Your help would be greatly appreciated

Location and Landownership

1) Where is the platt (address)?

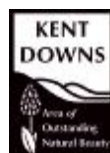
2) Landowner / contact for the platt if known

3) Grid reference (if a map can be included

this would be very useful)

4) How long has it been in the current landownership?

5) Would the landowner be happy for MVCP/NWKCP to undertake a site visit?



Area

6) What is the area of the platt?

7) Number of cobnut trees in platt?

8) What varieties have been planted?

9) What other fruit trees are present ?

Management

10) What is the main purpose of the platt (please give details)

Garden
Commercial
Landscape

11) What management is done on the platt (please give details)

E.g. Grazing
Pruning
Grass cutting
Other

12) Is the Platt in Countryside / Environmental Stewardship?

13) What management was done in the past?

14) Are there any issues with the management of the platt (i.e. grazing / status of the trees)

Marketing
Labour base
Knowledge/ skills base
Practical management
Finance
Other

Neighbouring landuse

15 What is the neighbouring landuse?

16 What are the boundaries of the platt?

Fences
Hedge (species present , management, age)
Roads
Other

17 Are there any Public Rights of Way on/ near to the site?

Survey

18 Has any survey work been done on the platt?


19 If so what species have been found?

Please list.....

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 I am happy for the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership, the North West Kent Countryside Partnership and the Kent Downs AONB Unit to keep this information on file for the Cobnut Platt Project and to use the statistics in the Cobnut project .

Please tick