

## APPENDIX C

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### **HAMBLETON HOUGH ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

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I have very little to report this year as most of the hard work has now been done to restore Hambleton Hough back to a native woodland.

We employed a specialist company to finish the replanting programme of works which included the planting of around 4000 native trees including, Oak, Alder, Beech, Birch and Blackthorn. All trees are fitted with protectors and the area around each tree sprayed to restrict growth of weeds that would hinder growth of the saplings.

The pathways are all clear and accessible to members of the public although it has been an unusual year with the Covid-19 restrictions. Schools and other organisations that would normally be making full use of the Hough facilities have obviously kept away but will return as soon as it is safe to do so.

Any trees that die or are stolen will be replaced; we did have quite a lot stolen when we first started planting last year but we have planted in a density that takes this loss into account. We are making regular visits to monitor the situation, but all looks well and the majority of trees have taken and look well.

That is about all we have to report for this year as we have just concentrated on the replanting programme which is now complete so apart from regular visits to maintain the site it requires very little input now the majority of hard work is complete.

Kind Regards

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