

<b>Species</b>	Hazel Dormouse
<b>Date Identified</b>	Autumn 2019
<b>Local Area</b>	Leatherhead 3 nests identified on site (2019)

Background:

It was recommended this survey was undertaken due to suitable habitat on site.

The location of nests found across the site indicate that hazel dormouse are well distributed across the site.



One of the three nests is photographed.

Protection

The Hazel Dormouse is protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended, which, combined, protects them from deliberate capture, injury or killing; deliberate or reckless disturbance.

What we are doing

- We changed the management plan as we had originally planned to clear an area through the dense scrub, this did not take place. Instead, we coppiced some of the scrub as recommended by an ecologist
- Coppicing work only takes place between September and early October before hazel dormouse hibernation
- In 2021 we will be setting up long term monitoring by putting up nesting boxes then checked regularly to monitor populations