

## WORK IN THE BURNWOOD



The Burnwood is an Ancient Natural Woodland which has existed continuously since before 1600. It is managed by the Forestry Commission, which has a 25 year programme to return it to native broadleaves which involves removing some of the pine and larch trees.

For many species of animal and plant, ancient woodland sites provide the sole habitat, and for many others conditions on these sites are much more suitable than those on other sites. The Burnwood is home to dormice, several species of butterfly and moth, including the rare Argent and Sable Moth, and various mosses and lichens.

The Forestry Commission is starting 3 months of harvesting which will involve the clearing of pine and larch and the large swathe of windblown trees that came down in the storms last year. It will also include some fencing and the clearing of some rhododendron. Please note that some scrub will be left as natural habitat for insects and animals. During this time, some parts of the wood will be subject to restricted access and walkers are urged to exercise caution and not to cross into any areas signed as "no access". There are no public rights of way through the Burnwood but residents do have a "right to roam" as long as they respect the signs and follow the country code. Enjoy the peace and quiet and beauty on your doorstep.

## NEW COUNCILLOR JOINS THE PARISH COUNCIL



A new Councillor, Mark Stokes, was co-opted onto the Parish Council in August. Mark lives in Loggerheads with his family, is self-employed as a Chartered Accountant and has significant experience of running small businesses. He wanted to join the Council to contribute to improving the area for all members of the community and he is looking forward to working with residents and Councillors.

## SUPERFAST BROADBAND - WHEN IS IT COMING TO THIS AREA?



Villages in Loggerheads Parish are covered by several telephone exchanges (01630 67..65..64) which, on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border means the area is covered by two different projects on different timescales working to connect Shropshire and Staffordshire to Superfast Broadband.

### So when can you expect to be connected?

**In Shropshire**, (for 01630 64 and 65 numbers) you are connected to **cabinet number 3** on the **Pipe Gate** exchange. Work has started to install the fibre network in this exchange area. The first cabinets on the **Pipe Gate** exchange area will be upgraded by the end of **December 2015**. Please note that **NOT ALL** premises in an exchange area will get access to fibre based broadband because they will not necessarily build fibre to every cabinet as each cabinet has to be assessed on a cost / benefit basis. You may be connected to a cabinet that is fibre enabled but too far away to benefit from faster speeds. The project is continuing to explore opportunities to provide access to improved broadband in all parts of the Shropshire Council area. Check your status at <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/>

**In Staffordshire** for 01630 67 numbers you are connected to cabinets on the **Ashley** exchange. Cabinets Pipe Gate 2, Ashley 2, 3, 6,& 8 are currently under construction and will go live over the coming few months. Ashley cabinets 1, 5 and 7 are expected to go live in spring 2016. Ashley P4 is not in the plans for an upgrade at this time through the Staffordshire project. The premises connected to this cabinet will be part of the "final 5%" in Staffordshire. The "final 5%" will start to be addressed once additional money is made available, and in some cases when new technologies have been developed and adopted. Residents can ascertain which cabinet they are connected too by using the following website:

<http://www.dslchecker.bt.com/adsl/ADSLChecker.TelephoneNumberOutput>