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for the future of British woods

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Britain's Oaks are under threat!

**Please help Woodland Heritage support
the vital research required into Acute Oak Decline (AOD)**

In June 2011, Woodland Heritage launched an urgent appeal to fund vital research into the causes of **Acute Oak Decline (AOD)**. Despite massive increases in our understanding of AOD, this disease continues to demonstrate a huge potential threat to the future of our iconic Oak. Its place in our historic countryside just cannot be ignored!

Through our efforts to support the multi-disciplinary approach of Dr Sandra Denman at Forest Research and the many scientists she works with across a host of universities, great progress across many fronts has been made over the last eight years. This has included revealing the complex links between an array of bacteria (some new to science) and the *Agriilus* beetle that has a statistically significant relationship between its presence and affected trees, as well as a variety of other, important factors.

The latter factors all contribute to putting our oaks under stress, thereby reducing their resistance to AOD and include a changing climate, drought and waterlogging, ground compaction, and the pollutant deposition. Nutrient deficiencies in soils are also being linked to susceptibility to AOD. Understanding the threats helps with the management of our oaks, thereby reducing the risk of AOD that they face now and in the future.



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Woodland Heritage has raised over £2m to-date thanks to the generosity of its supporters and members, but **additional research to the value of over £1m is required now** if our understanding of AOD is to be advanced still further.

Woodland Heritage would like to appeal to everyone who values our iconic Oak to help raise these essential funds. We have set up a special “AOD Account” for donors and will be taking advantage of Gift Aid wherever possible.

The Trustees of Woodland Heritage urge you to contribute to their Acute Oak Decline Appeal and will be working closely with other forestry organisations, which fully recognise the consequences if this vital research work is halted.

The future of our nation’s iconic Oak tree is in the balance.

All donations/cheques should be made payable to ‘Woodland Heritage’ and will be used solely for this specific research project – thank you.

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A GIFT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INTO ACUTE OAK DECLINE

I would like to support the vital research to help further determine the causes of Acute Oak Decline (AOD) through the registered charity Woodland Heritage.

I would like to donate a single sum of £ _____

I would further like to pledge a regular sum each year by standing order – please send me a form

(please tick boxes as appropriate)

Title: _____ Surname: _____

First name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Town: _____

County: _____ Postcode: _____

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Woodland Heritage undertake to ensure that all donations made to the charity for the Acute Oak Decline Project will be used solely for this purpose. Woodland Heritage aims to spend at least 90% of its AOD resources on research, training and the raising of awareness of the threat AOD poses to our oaks, with no more than 10% spent on administration, financial management and further fundraising for this vital work.

A specific restricted account has been set-aside for this purpose.

All donations/cheques should be made payable to ‘Woodland Heritage’.

A **Gift Aid Declaration** is attached, if you would like to help us in this way.

This will enable Woodland Heritage to reclaim an extra 25% on your donation

Thank you for your generosity.

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Gift Aid declaration for past, present & future donations

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Woodland Heritage (Registered Charity 1041611)

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

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Full home address _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Please notify Woodland Heritage if you:

Want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please kindly complete and return, along with your donation to:

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Thank you

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