

Culbone Wood Vision Statement

A minimally-managed Atlantic oak woodland important for its conservation and archaeological value and public access containing predominantly broadleaf species with some conifer, displaying diversity in age and structure.

A wide range of woodland habitats is provided with trees and shrubs of all ages and sizes, including old and veteran trees, standing and fallen deadwood and open rides and glades. Natural regeneration of broadleaf trees will be present throughout the woodlands.

Specimen trees of all species and some mature conifers and non native broadleaves are retained where they are valuable features in the landscape and contribute to age and structural diversity especially those that are relics of the past ornamental planting.

Endemic whitebeams are thriving and are increasing in numbers. Invasive non native species such as rhododendron are present in less than 5% of the woodland area where access is a constraint.

Remnants of past woodland management are present and visible in the form of charcoal platforms and stub pollards.

Locals and visitors use the area for quiet enjoyment and the network of footpaths and tracks is maintained to a high standard. Opportunities to improve interpretation and visitor experience are taken where this does not conflict with the conservation objectives for the woodland.

The woodlands are managed to meet National Park purposes and the UK Woodland Assurance Standard and to protect and maintain the ecological and landscape integrity of the woodlands in the long term.