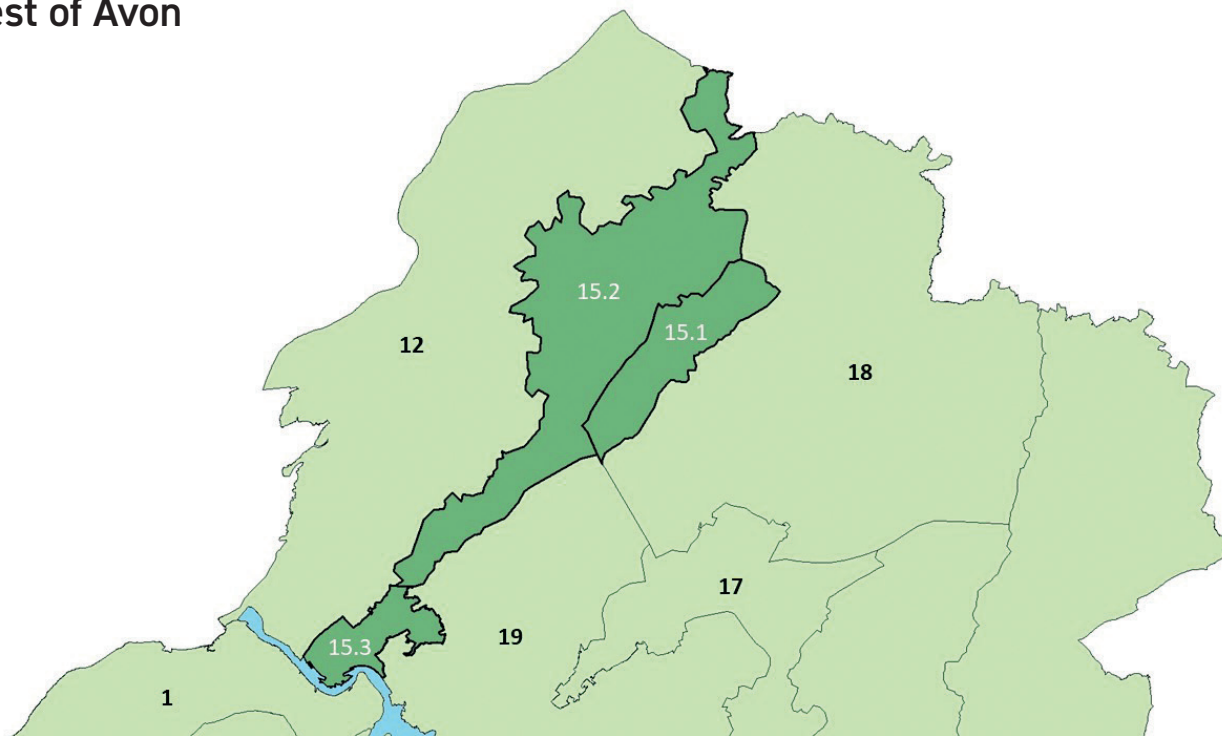


5.15 Ridges Landscape from Shirehampton to Tytherington

Forest of Avon



Map Ref: 15.1

Rudgeway and Tytherington Ridge (SGC17)

- Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the small number of ASNW first.
- Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- Establish new native woodlands in the 'A38 Gap' as part of a loose accessible woodland framework around the fringes of Thornbury (15.2), whilst conserving Grade 2 agricultural land, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- Establish trees and small woodlands, consolidating the on and off-carriageway planting adjacent to the M5.
- Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.

- Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.



Map Ref: 15.2

Severn Ridges (SGC18)

- Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the small number of ASNW first.
- Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- Establish small native woodlands and/or natural regeneration corridors to link ridge top ASNW north of Thornbury to those in 18.2, whilst conserving other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- Establish small native woodlands or broad hedgerows (where Floodplain Grazing Marsh dictates) linking the network of woodlands

(including ASNW) on the slopes at Rockhampton across lower land to those on land east of Hill, whilst conserving other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.

- e. Establish small woodlands, reinforcing the woodland and parkland landscape structure to the east of Thornbury, linking existing woodlands and extending the woodland framework across the higher land to Littleton on Severn, whilst conserving other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- f. Establish small woodlands, linking existing woodlands, to establish a loose woodland framework to the west, south and east of Thornbury, whilst conserving Grade 2 agricultural land, other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints. This would provide a new recreational and wellbeing resource for the growing town, robust corridors for wildlife to move across the wider landscape and a robust landscape framework able to accommodate any development should it be permitted.
- g. Establish small native woodlands and/or natural regeneration corridors to link ridge top ASNW and other woodlands, to consolidate the woodland corridor centred on the M5 (south of Junction 15) whilst conserving Grade 2 agricultural land, other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- h. Establish individual and small groups of trees in/ adjacent to streets, greenspaces and school grounds addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care.
- i. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- j. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- k. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- l. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- m. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.



Map Ref: 15.3

**Shirehampton and Blaise Ridges
(Bristol City Areas)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW first and update Bristol City Council management plans for all of its woodland, when necessary. Focus on the number of ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish small woodlands and/or natural regeneration corridors linking the woodland complex centred on the Blaise Castle and Kingsweston Estates, to woodlands on the slopes at Lawrence Weston and north towards Hallen (19.4), whilst conserving priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands within parks and greenspaces addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care.
- e. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands within primary and secondary school grounds, with school responsibility for their care.
- f. Establish individual and small groups of trees in/ adjacent to streets, through the Greenstreets project, addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care.
- g. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands on private land, with strong involvement of businesses and their staff.
- h. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- i. Support the role of Bristol Tree Forum's Tree Champions, championing tree care and tree planting in wards across the city.
- j. Ensure the Community Forest Path and other public access routes are easy to use and follow.