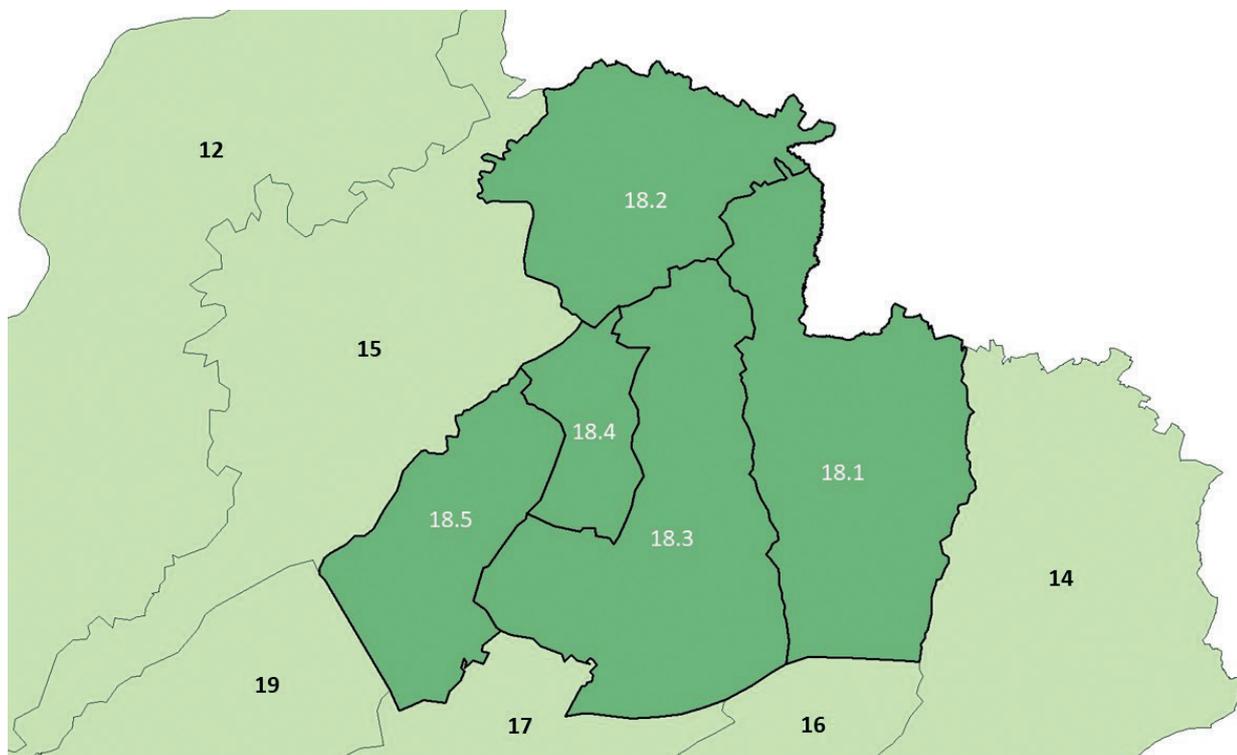


## 5.18 The South Gloucestershire Vales

### Forest of Avon



**Map Ref: 18.1**  
**Wickwar Ridge and Vale (SGC5)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing multiple objectives and work with landowners to deliver these. Focus on the extensive and significant areas of ASNW and also PAWS.
- b. Work with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and other landowners to buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish native woodlands, including through natural regeneration, in the area fringing the Lower Woods woodland complex, whilst ensuring the hydrology of the Little Avon River is not adversely affected (is enhanced) and Semi-improved and Lowland Meadow priority habitats/ common are conserved. Respect valley landform of the Little Avon River and the need for views and variety along public paths.
- d. Establish native woodlands, tree and/or wide hedgerow boundaries in the 'Lower Woods Gap' linking the Lower Woods complex with 14.4. woodland on the escarpment and valleys beyond it, whilst conserving Grade 2 agricultural land, Calcareous Grassland and other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Establish woodlands in a corridor from the southern end of the Lower Woods woodlands complex to woodlands along the northern fringe of Yate, potentially creating a large woodland area, providing diverse benefits, whilst conserving Semi-improved grassland and other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 18.2**  
**Falfield Vale (SGC7)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing multiple objectives and work with landowners to deliver these. Focus on areas of ASNW and also PAWS.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish native woodland in a broad corridor across the 'Tortworth Gap' linking woodlands in Tortworth Park to outlying woodlands (many of which are ASNW), including extending northwards to Michael Wood across the county boundary and southwards towards Tytherington. Conserve wood pasture and other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints within this.
- d. Establish native woodlands in the area to the north of Charfield and outside the Cotswolds AONB, ensuring conservation of Semi-improved Grassland priority habitat, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Establish native woodland in a broad corridor across the 'M5 Gap' linking woodlands at Cromhall, across the M5 to woodlands at Milbury Heath and then potentially to the south of Thornbury, ensuring conservation of priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- f. Working across the boundary with 15.2, conserve and enhance complex of Ancient and Semi-Natural Woodlands between the A38 and Rockhampton, linking them together through areas of natural regeneration and/or new native planting, ensuring conservation of priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- g. Work with the Tortworth Estate and other landowners as appropriate, to support conservation of wood pasture, mature field trees, woodlands, hedgerows and walled boundaries in the context of its status as a Registered Park and Garden.
- 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. 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.

- j. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- k. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.
- l. Run programmes of woodland management and planting activities, as appropriate with staff and inmates from local prisons.

 **Map Ref: 18.3**  
**Yate Vale (SGC8)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Establish accessible woodlands in a corridor fringing the north side of Yate, linking existing woodlands and extending to the woodland complex around and south of Lower Woods, whilst ensuring conservation of Semi-improved Grassland and other priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- c. Work with the River Frome Reconnected partnership to develop a co-ordinated approach to tree planting in suitable locations along the river corridor and associated green spaces. Work with landowners to support effective riparian tree and hedge management for the benefit of wildlife, public safety and flood management.
- 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, addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

- i. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- j. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 18.4**  
**Tytherington Plain (SGC9)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- e. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

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- i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 18.5**  
**Earthcott Vale (SGC10)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish native woodlands in a corridor linking those associated with leisure uses east of M5 Junction 15, towards Corporation Wood, whilst ensuring conservation of priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Work with landowners to reduce the impact of existing large agricultural buildings by small-scale tree planting, avoiding Grade 1 agricultural land.
- e. Establish individual and groups of trees in village envelopes, working with the Parish Council and residents more widely.