

5.22 River Avon and other riparian habitats

Forest of Avon



The recommendations below are intended to be applicable to trees and woodland within the River Avon corridor GI Area, as defined in the map at the start of this section. For guidance relating to trees and woodland in a riparian (i.e. riverbank) context, please refer to Bristol Avon Rivers Trust's [approach to tree planting](#).

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Linear area including floodplains, defined by the River Avon from its mouth at Avonmouth, to Dundas Aqueduct, including the Kennet & Avon Canal.

(Priorities draw from North Somerset Council's LCA and the Waterspace Study. Priorities for the wider corridor are addressed under other areas.)

- a. Avonmouth (see also 1.2. Area C2). Ensure small woodland areas have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Plant individual and groups of trees to help integrate extensive car storage areas and other development into the wider river corridor. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.
- b. Lower Avon Valley (see also 1.6 Area J6). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Establish groups of trees and woodlands to better integrate existing settlement edges into the wider valley landscape, through small-scale tree planting. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.
- c. Avon Gorge (see also 4.4 Area D1). Continue to work in partnership to conserve nationally significant whitebeam spp. and ASNW as part of integrated management of the Avon Gorge NNR and SSSI. Manage recreational use of the wider Leigh Woods area as part of this integrated approach ensuring ecological, historic and geological sites are conserved. Ensure public rights of way are easy to use and follow.

- d. River Avon in Bristol (see also 19.1). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Establish individual and groups of trees within streets, greenspaces and gardens, integrating built development into the river corridor, with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care.
- e. Hanham (see also 20.1). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Conserve character of the meandering tree lined river edge, through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 1).
- f. Keynsham (See 20.2). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 2).
- g. Saltford (see also 20.2). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 3). Trees and woodland on the floodplain may be appropriate in certain locations; however, for further guidance, please consult BART.
- h. Newbridge (see also 13.1). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands on private land, with strong involvement of businesses and their staff. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 4).
- i. Weston Island (see also 13.1). Conserve well-treed character through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 5).
- j. Windsor Bridge, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve well-treed character through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 6).
- k. Norfolk Crescent, Bath (see also 13.1). Establish individual and groups of trees on private land, with strong involvement of businesses and their staff. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 7).
- l. Green Park, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve existing trees through advice to landowners and undertake small-scale replacement tree planting. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 8).
- m. Bath Quays (see also 13.1). Enhance public park with additional tree planting. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 9).
- n. North Parade Bridge, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve well-treed character through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. 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 planting. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 10).

- o. Pulteney Bridge, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve existing trees through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. 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 planting. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 11).
- p. Cleveland Bridge, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve well-treed character through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 12).
- q. City Canal, Bath (see also 13.1). Conserve existing trees through advice to landowners and small-scale replacement tree planting. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. (Waterspace Area 13).
- r. Bathampton. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. Trees and woodland on the floodplain may be appropriate in certain locations; however, for further guidance, please consult BART and refer to WHS Setting SPD regarding Georgian landscape context.
- s. Claverton and Dundas (see also 13.1). Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow. Trees and woodland on the floodplain may be appropriate in certain locations; however, for further guidance, please consult BART and refer to WHS Setting SPD in relation to Georgian landscape context.