

Woodland Management Oxshott Heath

As part of the ongoing Woodland Management programme across the Elmbridge's Countryside Estate, forestry contractors will carry out thinning works over the autumn winter 2026-2027 in the wooded areas of Oxshott Heath shown in red on the map below.

The thinning works will involve:

- thinning 33.3% of the canopy to improve light penetration
- control of non-native/invasive species
- thinning of the holly understory for public amenity and safety
- up to ten 0.15 ha clear fell areas for regeneration

The thinning will allow greater light to reach the woodland floor, improve visits for residents and allow paths to dry more efficiently. It will improve the plant life found across the common and increase biodiversity through insect life and small mammals. It will also enable the remaining trees the opportunity to grow and develop fully; ensuring a healthy woodland for the benefit of future generations as well as providing greater access and improved ground conditions for walkers.

As part of the works, contractors will thin out non-native species including Rhododendron, Turkey Oak and Laurel.

The works will start during the autumn of 2026 and will necessitate the use of the Oxshott Heath Car Park near the station for access to the temporary loading bay for the extracted timber on the map below.



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