

# Stockland Parish Council

## Environmental Stewardship Higher Level Scheme (HLS)

### Shortmoor Turbary

At the outset of the HLS-supported work, the objective was to establish one small area of heath/mire to the east of the road. Much of the scrub has now been cleared, the area fenced and grazed. It will take several more years before the open area becomes a species-rich mire. The majority of Shortmoor Turbary is secondary woodland where a strategy of minimum intervention is envisaged. Work is limited to the removal of invasive species, the erection of bird, bat and small mammal boxes and, in due course some hazel coppicing.

The funding for most of this work has been provided by Natural England under the HLS agreement and consists of two main parts:

**Capital works** - including scrub management, provision of fencing and gates, provision of bat, bird and small mammal boxes and bracken and scrub control and management; under the HLS agreement a total of £ 4,024 was made available over the first three years of the agreement and was allocated as follows:

	£
Scrub control/management	558
Fencing/gates/stiles	2,261
Bracken control	236
Bat/bird boxes (15)	420
Small mammal boxes (15)	150
Consultancy fee for development of management plan	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 4,024</b>

**Annual Payments** of £ 588 per year for 10 years (2010 - 2020), for general maintenance of woodland, restoration of lowland heath and cattle grazing etc.



Bog asphodel (*Narthecium ossifragum*)

