

Friends of Platinum Wood Whittlesey

Coppicing

- **Definition:** Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management that involves cutting trees back to ground level or to a stool (a low stump) to promote new growth. This practice encourages the regrowth of multiple stems from the cut base, creating a sustainable timber source.
- **Benefits:** Coppicing benefits biodiversity by providing habitats for various wildlife and the environment, as it can enhance soil quality and improve landscape aesthetics.
- **Uses:** The resulting wood can be harvested for basketry and hedge building.



Hazel shoots emerging from the Stool in Platinum Wood



Willow shoots from an equivalent Stool in Platinum Wood



Willow whips 12 months later in another location at Platinum Wood



Hazel Whips about 2 years old growing in Platinum Wood

Our mission is to cultivate sustainable materials for the community while boosting biodiversity. By revitalizing degraded areas with fresh air and sunlight, we open the door for nature to weave its wonders and thrive once again.

If you're curious to learn more or have experiences to share, we'd love to connect and exchange ideas. Let's inspire each other on this journey toward a greener future!

Our Copse is located to the right of the gate (usuall locked) on Yarwells Heahland opposite the play area.