

# Matterdale Forest Design Plan

## Summer 2010 Review – General Features Survey





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Looking into Matterdale from the main entrance



Young Sitka spruce planted 2002. Broadleaved & conifer regeneration scattered in the open area



Clearfelling the mature conifers



Harvested timber neatly stacked at roadside for collection



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Naturally regenerated & planted spruce resulting in a more natural looking distribution amongst open space at the south-western corner



A longer distance view of the planted spruce with scattered regrowth creating a graded forest edge



Spruce regrowth along brash lines noticeable in foreground & also larger edge trees to right of image



One of the unstable forest edges facing into the prevailing south westerly winds



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An intimate mix of planted & naturally regenerated spruce intermingled with scattered birch regrowth



Open space alongside Thornsgill Beck where the adders were released.



The old sheepfold by Thornsgill Beck



The rocky outcrop of Pencil Craggs provides an interesting feature alongside the beck



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Thornsgill Beck & the riparian zone will benefit from the removal of densely shading conifers



One of the geological Sites of Special Scientific Interest toward the northern end of the beck



The small pond alongside the beck also benefit from removal of the surrounding conifers



Wildflowers to be found growing alongside the verges and forest edges



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The small FC nature reserve of wet heath. Heather is dominant & there are scattered conifers.



Mixed broadleaved planting that was acquired along with the land acquisition in 2004 – a popular spot with visitors



Overlooking Rookin House Activity Centre



The new path & gate constructed by Troutbeck Caravan Park