

Partnership members

National Trust position – naturally we are very concerned about Sudden Ash Dieback. Many important natural and designed landscapes could be significantly changed if we lose 80% of our Ash which some are predicting. Our staff are actively monitoring our woodlands within the Mendip AONB and across all our sites in Somerset. This is a fast moving situation and so we're actively working with FC, Woodland Trust and others at a national level and liaising closely at a local level too.

To date we have 2 suspected cases on NT land in Somerset (not in the AONB) but they are yet to be confirmed. Both these are in Ash plantations planted within the past 5 years. We are starting fixed point photography of iconic mature and veteran ash at our properties, these are features in the landscape which may be lost.

Very happy to update the Partnership as this develops.