

### A5-A5B Lea Wood – Lighting up the Flowers

<b>Project Summary</b>	The project aimed to restore around 4 ha of a key ancient woodland within the Derwent valley through the removal of rhododendron from the understorey of the wood. The site lies within the Peak Fringe within the Character type Wooded slopes and valleys.	
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	
<b>Partners</b>	Lea Wood Trust Group / Forestry Commission	
<b>Location</b>	Lea Wood	
<b>Duration of project</b>	December 2013 - March 2019 Yrs: 1-5	
<b>Total cost of project</b>	£23,597	
<b>Volunteer time In-kind time</b>	£3,900 £1,613	
<b>Outputs</b>	Original target <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 ha of ancient semi-natural woodland restored through rhododendron clearance</li> </ul>	Achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 ha of ancient semi-natural woodland restored through rhododendron clearance</li> </ul>
<b>Headlines/added value</b>	A regular volunteer group meets on Sundays to support the DWT activities to manage this ancient woodland habitat	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1 An <i>integrated approach</i> to natural and cultural heritage and landscape character conservation</li> <li>A2 The delivery of <i>significant, long lasting improvements</i> to the condition (and extent where appropriate) of priority sites and features, and hence to the landscape character</li> <li>A3 Long term improvements to the landscape <i>brought about through better understanding, engagement</i> of land managers and communities, and land use policies and activities <i>based on good information</i></li> <li>B2 An <i>increased public understanding</i> of the value of the landscape, and of the need for it to be conserved and restored</li> <li>B3 Increased <i>engagement and capacity among landowners and communities</i> to care for the landscape in the long term</li> <li>D2 Opportunities for <i>local people to develop skills</i> to enable them to engage with their local landscape and its conservation, and benefit from personal development and improved employment prospects</li> </ul>	