

Walkmill Community Woods

Wilder Walkmill Interpretation Development

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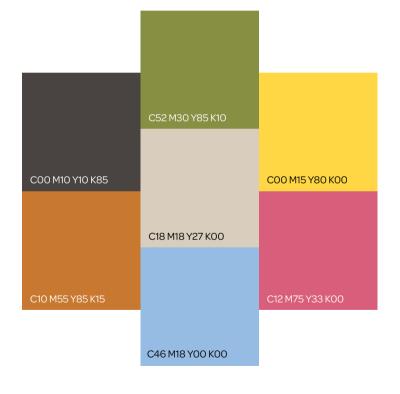
Colour palette

Core colours based on the landscape and slightly adjusted to brighten/darken tone.





Core colours





Typeface

Headline/title font: Second Chance

Headline and title font

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Body copy: Usual

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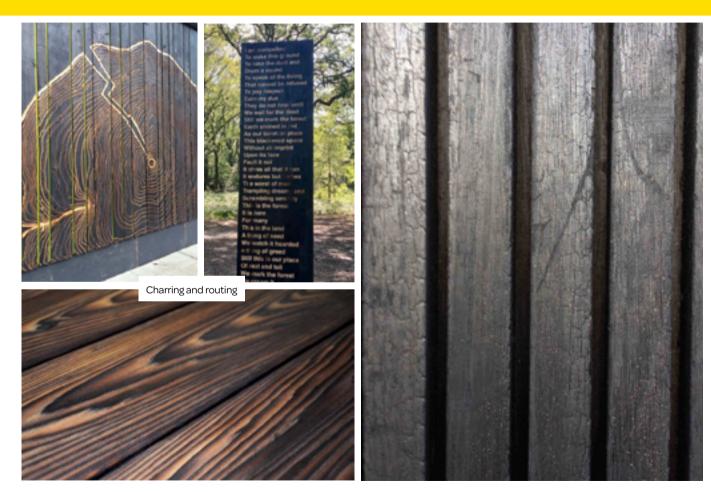
White out Mono



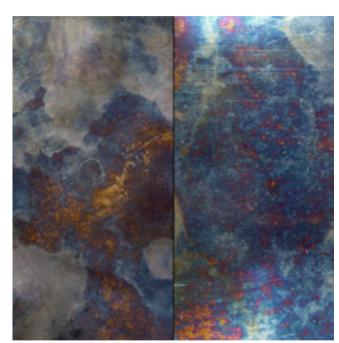
Materials: charred timber

Charred Douglas fir timber cut to size, with routed messaging then infill clear varnished.

This technique is used in architectural cladding, where structures need to be low maintenance and last for 20+ years.



Materials: metals and patina



Explore rainbow patina effect on metal items / sleeves



Creative metalwork





Metal rubbings



Cast metal plate



Graphic materials

NovaDura/EcoDura or equivalent for graphic panels:

- UV & Weather resistant
- Long term signage solutions
- 10 year warranty
- Outstanding print quality
- Anti-graffiti
- Vandal resistant
- Anti-bacterial
- •100% recyclable

Interactive elements to potentially include:

• Stone, metal, brushed steel or corten steel inlay.

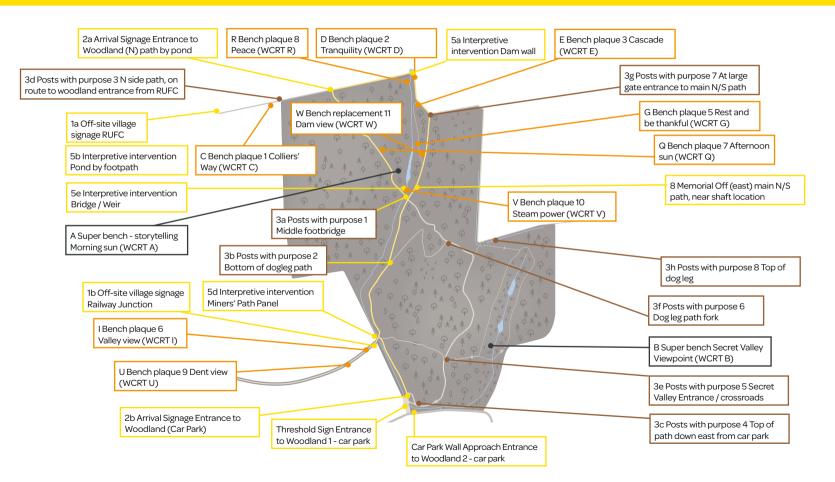








Location of items



W3W incorrect

F Bench plaque 4 Evening sun (WCRT F)

Off site

5c Interpretive intervention Allotment / Tree Nursery

TBC

Tactile Trail panels locations

Wayfinding discs x 30



1A Off Site Signage: RUFC



Spec: Off-site village signage RUFC

crinkled.damp.speak

Upright panel

A1 upright panel, 2 legs, Smooth sanded and charred 1,700mm off ground.

150 x 150, 2500mm legs

Will take advice on size of timbers (could do 150 x 75mm)

Installed 800mm in ground





1B Off Site Signage: Railway Junction



Spec: Off-site signage railway

eating.ironclad.trick

Lectern panel

A1 panel lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, Smooth sanded and charred timbers







2A Arrival signage: North pond entrance monolith



tall (2 metres visible. 1 metre below ground)

Monolith: 3 metres

elements routed

Spec: Entrance monolith

dabbing.earphones.lorry

Monolith 2m tall

Timber

3m (1m in ground)

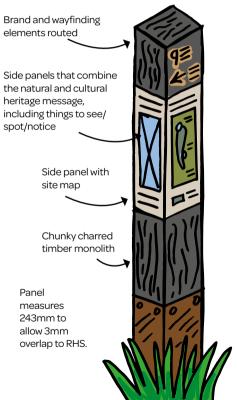
2 off 120 x 240 x 3m timber glued together to form 1 off 240x240x3000mm monolith

D6: Can 120mm be routed?

Charred to 4 sides

Routed to 2 faces (front and back)

4 off panels inlaid 243mm x 400mm













2B Car park pedestrian entrance



Spec: Off-site village signage car park pedestrian entrance

crinkled.damp.speak

Upright panel

A1 panel upright, 2 legs, Smooth sanded and charred 1,700mm off ground.

Noticeboard area built in.

Local's way, dogs etc.

150 x 150, 2500mm legs

Will take advice on size of timbers (could do 150 x 75mm)





Car park threshold sign

Charred timber slats shaped at the top to loosely reflect the shape of the old slag heap



Proposed area for threshold sign

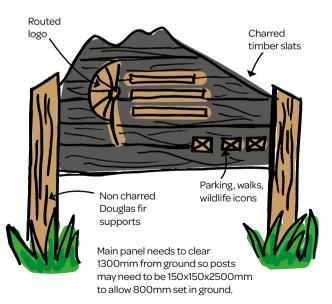
Entrance to Walkmill Community Woodland

Spec: Entrance to Woodland 1 – car park

host.points.bedspread

Wooden charred and routed timber

Panel set up 1200x750mm to allow 300mm in width of two 150mm posts either side for support and to take it within 1.5sqm.





Option 1: Infill painted, binoculars for wildlife icon



Option 2: Natural finish, bird for wildlife icon



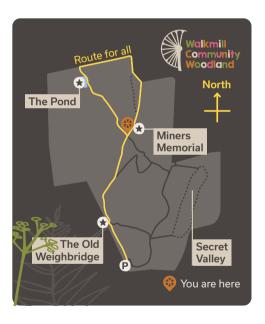
IP3. Posts with purpose: Small

3a Posts with purpose Middle footbridge



facelift.boots.above





3b Posts with purpose 2 Bottom of dogleg path



joys.maker.blotting

Spec: Post with purpose

900mm out of ground, 1,400 x 150 x 150mm.

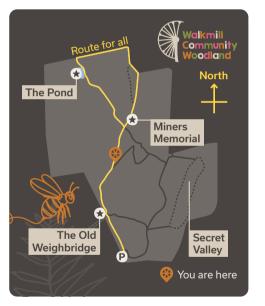
Angle cut front 10cm lower than back.

Smooth sanded and charred

Panels 180mm x 150mm

NO ROUTING

wayfinding disc/s affixed





IP3. Posts with purpose: Small

3c Posts with purpose 4 Top of path down east from car park



pranced.analogy.mint

Spec: Post with purpose

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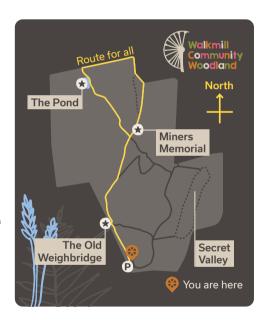
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NO ROUTING

wayfinding disc/s affixed



3d Posts with purpose 3 N side path, en route to woodland entrance from RUFC



emotional.unwraps.shopping

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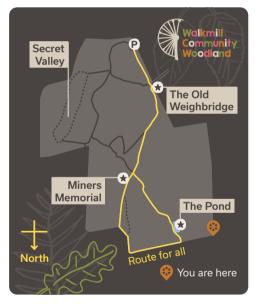
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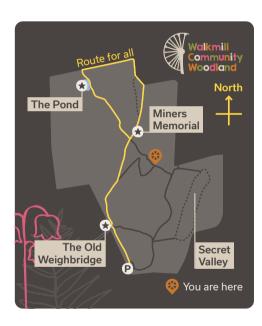
IP3 Posts with purpose: Small

3f Posts with purpose 6 Top of dog leg



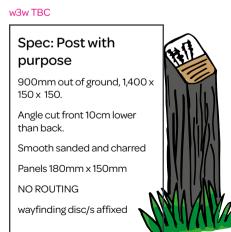
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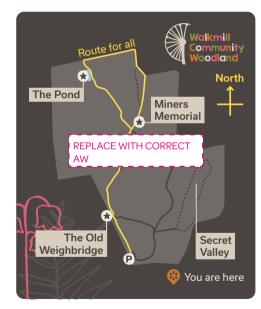




3h Posts with purpose 7 Farmers Track fork









IP3 Posts with purpose: Monolith



Spec: Monolith

flaking.backfired.visions

3e: Monolith Secret Valley Entrance / crossroads

Monolith - 3 metres tall (2 metres visible, 1 metre below ground)

Timber

2 off 120 x 240 x 3m timber glued together to form 1 off 240x240x3000mm monolith

Charred to 4 sides

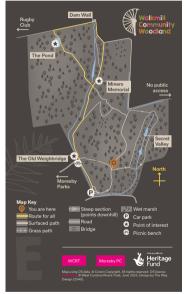
Routed to 2 faces (front and back)

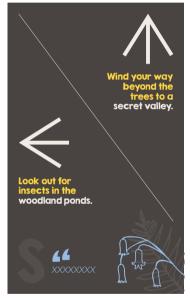
4 off panels inlaid 240mm x 400mm

wayfinding disc/s affixed













IP3 Posts with purpose: Monolith



Spec: Monolith

hindered.walnuts.pitching

3g: Monolith At large gate entrance to main N/S path

Monolith - 3 metres tall (2 metres visible, 1 metre below ground)

Timber

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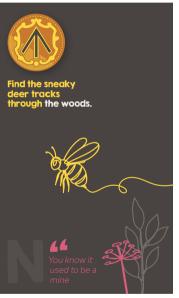
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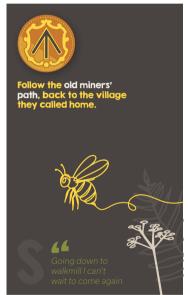
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IP4.8 Memorial

Base images below for reference.

Rough draft of how the skyline will look, and line up for the viewer. Posts spaced apart and can be walked around.

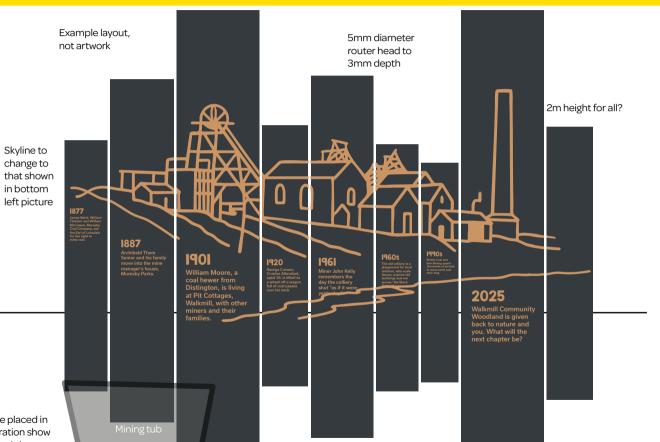
This visual based on 240mm wide timbers. To be discussed.





Outline to use here

Mining tub could be placed in front and the illustration show tracks leading towards it.





Spec: Monolith

habits.origin.rosette

Posts: 3m x 240mm x 120mm

D6: Can 120mm be routed? Should these be doubled up?

8 Memorial Off (east) main N/S path, near shaft location

Monoliths that align

Quote/estimate as per discussion

Possibly needs to reflect presence of reclaimed mine tub

IP4.8 Memorial

Example of how stories could be shown on each post.

May need a funders plague on the side or bottom of last one.

Font size based on sample copy given and 240mm wide post.



Draft copy:

1877 - James Baird, William Fletcher and William McCowan. Moresby Coal Company, ask the Earl of Lonsdale for the right to mine coal.

1887 - Archibald Thom Senior and his family move into the mine manager's house, Moresby Parks.

1901 - William Moore, a coal hewer from Distington, is living at Pit Cottages, Walkmill, with other miners and their families.

1920 - George Curwen, Crusher Attendant, aged 18, is killed as a wheel off a wagon full of coal passes over his neck.

1961 - Miner John Kelly remembers the day the colliery shut 140pt "as if it were yesterday".

> 1960s – The old colliery is a playground for local children, who scale fences, explore old buildings and run across "the Black Swamp".

1990s - British Coal and Keir Mining spend thousands of pounds to move earth and toxic slag.

72pt 2025 - Walkmill Community Woodland is given back to nature and you. What will the next chapter be?

IP4.8 Memorial foot plate

Spec: foot plate

habits.origin.rosette

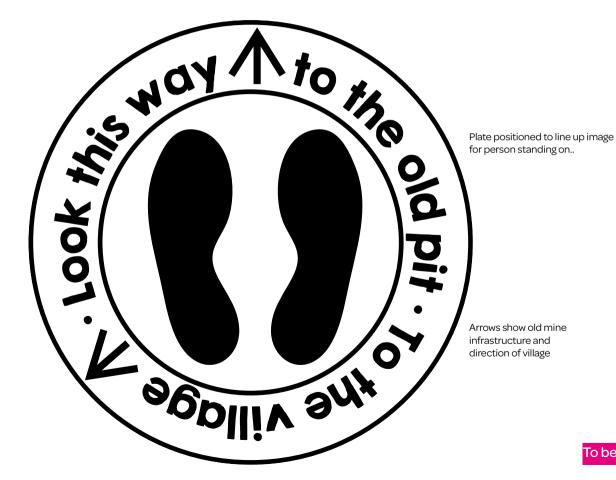
9mm thick corten disk, laser cut detail. Pinned into ground and set near-flush. Could use postcrete base for fixing.

300mm dia metal ground disc (similar to rubbings or token) to denote position viewer needs to stand to join together:

- Feet outline/shape
- Look this way (pit)
- · Arrow up to pit
- · Arrow down to village
- Indicate village location



Example in London set in Tarmac



To be discussed



IP5A Lectern

5a Interpretive intervention Dam wall



Spec: Lectern

spillage.best.mute

Lectern panel

A2 panel lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, smooth sanded and charred timbers





IP5B Lectern

5b Interpretive intervention Pond but location TBC



Spec: Lectern

reinvest.spans.hypocrite

Lectern panel

A2 panel lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, smooth sanded and charred timbers







IP5C Lectern

5c Interpretive intervention Allotment / Tree Nursery



Spec: Lectern

century.exhales.procures

Lectern panel

A3 upright lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, smooth sanded and charred timbers







IP5D Lectern

5d Interpretive intervention Miners' Path Panel



Spec: Lectern

firm.headstone.mush

Lectern panel

A1 panel lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, Smooth sanded and charred timbers

Inclusion of coal wagon plaque TBC





IP5E Lectern

5e Interpretive intervention Bridge / Weir



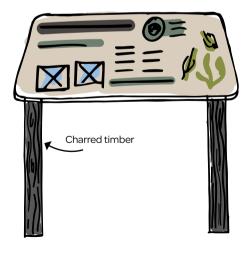
Spec: Lectern

excavate.schools.failed

Lectern panel

A2 panel lectern - standard structure, 2 legs, smooth sanded and charred timbers





1-11

Spec: Bench

Engraved steel plaque -Rounded and smoothed edges. 400mm wide, folded bottom section 40mm and top section 80mm to sit over bench edge.

Explore option of rainbow

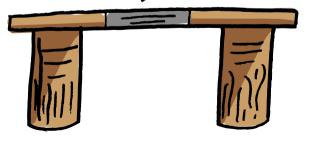
Existing benches to measure.

Upgrade x 11 existing plain benches, retaining existing structures

Use plague to cover marker pen name.

Include co-created verse etched on top.

Plaque folds over top of bench



Moresby colliers made their way along the pit road to work.

Colliers' Way

somewhere to sit and to think.

Tranquillity

С	Bench plaque 1	Colliers' Way (WCRT C)	arming.sized.lance	Q	Bench plaque 7	Afternoon sun (WCRT Q)	stews.rescuer.potential
D	Bench plaque 2	Tranquility (WCRT D)	foal.rejected.absent	R	Bench plaque 8	Peace (WCRT R)	blueberry.inserting. monitors
Е	Bench plaque 3	Cascade (WCRT E)	sprint.scorpions.glass	U	Bench plaque 9, on railway path	Dent view (WCRT U)	punctual.running.inched
F	Bench plaque 4	Evening sun (WCRT F)	snuck.proposed.glued	٧	Bench plaque 10	Steam power (WCRT V)	divorcing.prestige.configu
G	Bench plaque 5	Rest and be thankful (WCRT G)	simulations.annotated. punctuate	W	Bench replacement 11	Dam view (WCRT W)	develops.gradually. dumplings

second.tvpicallv.sulked

Bench plaque 6. Valley view on railway path (WCRT I)



Bench C, Colliers' Way



Bench D, Tranquility

Spec: Bench

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Explore option of rainbow patina.

Existing benches to measure.

Upgrade x 11 existing plain benches, retaining existing structures

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Include co-created verse etched on top.

Plaque folds over top of bench



Water once tumbled over the weir

on its way into the mine ponds.

Cascade

This is a good spot to catch the sun here of an evening.

Evening Sun

Named for a pub in Quality Corner, once a miners' favourite.

Rest and be Thankful



Bench E. Cascade

Spec: Bench

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Explore option of rainbow

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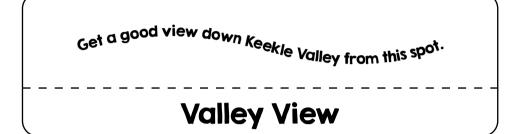
Upgrade x 11 existing plain benches, retaining existing structures

Use plague to cover marker pen name.

Include co-created verse etched on top.

Plaque folds over top of bench





Catch some rays of in the afternoon here.

Afternoon Sun

A place to feel at ease

Peace



Bench I, Valley View

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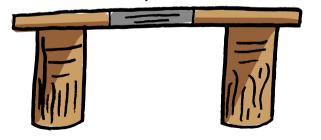
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A way off is Dent Fell, the closest peak to Moresby.

Dent View

Here the original colliery dam stored

water for the steam engines.

Steam Power

Look towards the main stretch of stored water known to villagers as the dam.

Dam View



Bench W, Dam View

Super bench

Spec: Super Bench

Storytelling interpretive bench

2 off curved benches 1800mm long, seat to be 500 mm off ground,

No charred legs, to prevent rub off on clothing.

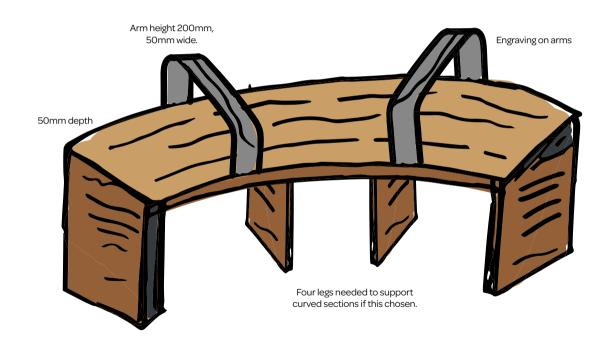
Curved sections, or



Curved slats



We are exploring design and production specification at the moment.



To work up – see Door 6 spec



Super bench



Content Plan:

A Super bench Morning sun (WCRTA)

reporters.follow.houseboat

Existing bench removed.

Quotes / Co-curation material

Title: Morning sun

Additional text (20 words body text)

Tbc - school haiku / v short poem



Content Plan:

B Super bench Secret Valley Viewpoint (WCRT B)

notched.slugs.ombudsman

Quotes / Co-curation material

Title: Secret valley

Additional text (20 words body text)

Other engravings tbc - John Kelly poem extracts / school haiku / v short poem

Tactile trail

Spec: Post with rubbing

Locations TBC

Posts With Purpose with rubbing plaque on printed panel to face.

100mm rectangular metal plaque

150mmx180mmm interp panel.

900mm out of ground, 1,400 x 150 x 150.

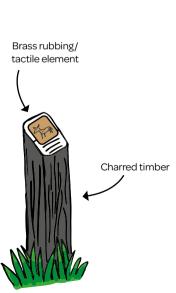
Angle cut front 10cm lower than back.

Smooth sanded and charred

Panels 180mm x 150mm

NO ROUTING







Butterflies are very sensitive to climate change.

Some **dragonflies** can fly backwards.

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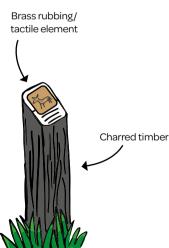
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NO ROUTING





Can you croak like a **frog?**

Newts don't hibernate much now because of warmer winters.

Keep still and you might see **deer** before they flee off through the trees.

> Have **red squirrel** planted some of these trees? They sometimes forget where they have stashed their food.

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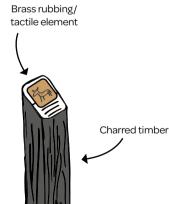
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When **heron** swoop low you can feel the beat of their wings.

Buzzard calls sound halfway between a cat and a crow.

Alder

Once thought to be unlucky, this native tree loves moist ground. Small brown cones stay on the tree year-round.

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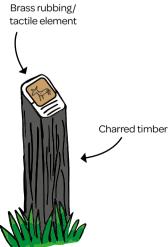


Rye grass

You'll find it along the footpaths here. It was once a crop for cows and sheep.

Common heather

Cloaks of heather provide food for insects and birds, and a hiding place for secretive reptiles.



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Rosebay willowherb

Sometimes called bombweed or fireweed. Its tall pink spikes brighten up the edges of footpaths and waste ground.

Soft rush

People once made cheap candlewicks using the piths of these soft rushes. You'll find it all over Walkmill.



Brass rubbing/ tactile element

Charred timber

Wayfinding discs

Spec: IP.3 Wayfinding discs

Wayfinding discs x 20 - TBC

Options to explore drop stamp, or similar to rubbing disc as per tactile trail, or 3D printed (though this might not survive outdoors as long).

80mm round (to match PROW discs)

Used on small Posts for Purpose









Brass rubbing example (this one would have infill arrow rather than full infill.





Thank you

Please get in touch if you have any queries

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