

Habitat management for the Heart Moth

The overall aim is to retain large tracts of mature and veteran oaks in open situations.

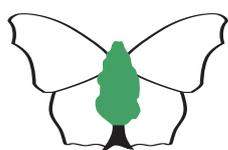
- ◆ Mature oak stands should be retained wherever possible as this habitat is of high conservation value and supports this and many other important species.
- ◆ In woodland and wood pasture aim to provide a continuity of supply of mature oak, including mature oak trees in open conditions.
- ◆ Pollarding very old trees can prolong their lives and provide continuity of old growth habitat.
- ◆ In hedgerows, mature oaks should be retained and some young trees encouraged to grow to maturity by leaving uncut or planting.

Please contact Butterfly Conservation if the species is suspected to be present on a site.

How to survey/monitor

The best methods are to attract adults through the use of artificial baits, such as sugar, at dusk, and light-trapping after dark. Adults moths do not tend to be attracted to light-traps until late at night.

below Ideal open woodland edge



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