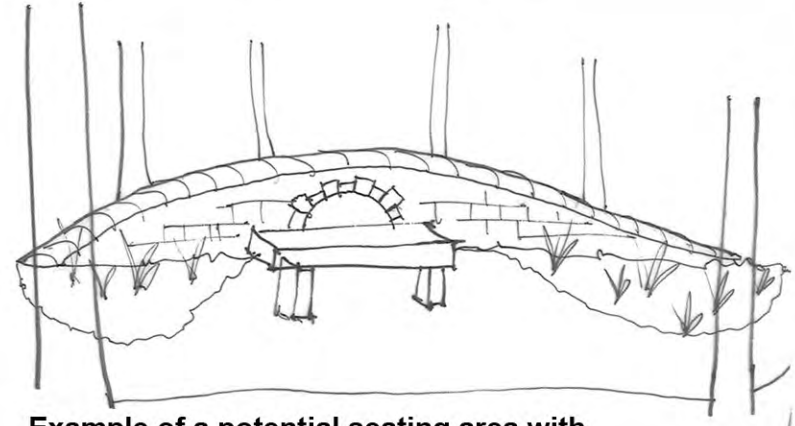
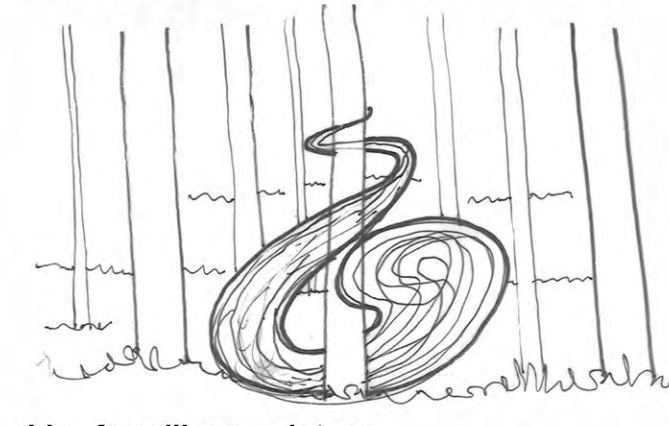


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Example of a potential seating area with walling with integral art features



Idea for willow sculpture

WOODLAND IMPROVEMENTS
Improve incidence of wildlife through planting and woodland maintenance, increasing native flowering plants to provide invertebrate species with a food source that provides birds and mammals with food

INFORMAL INCIDENTAL PLAY
Create features within the woodland/ encourage use of the crag where suitable and in a risk managed way. Potential for some sound play elements that would contribute to the ambience of the crag, or items that use the slope of the ground such as a winding hill slide through the trees

POTENTIAL: TOT LORD WOODLAND ACCESS
Potential access shown via Tot Lord Wood. This would bring the path close to the houses along Castlebergh Lane/ Castle Hill which could be an issue. The path would require clearing approx 40 sapling trees/ shrubs, removal of a small section of wall, and excavations for the new path

TREE FELLING:
Selective felling to open up areas of the woodland to create grass land and wildflower meadows. Assess viability and likelihood of bat roosts prior to felling any trees. Any trees providing valuable wildlife services to be retained and open area to be redesigned to allow for specific trees to be kept. Only a small amount of trees will be removed. The Crag will remain a woodland space.

WILDFLOWER GLADES
Create wildflower glades and rides along verges, edges of woodland and newly created open areas within the woodland.

SCREENING
Screening for houses adjacent to the space. This could take the form of a dense native hedge, a mix of blackthorn, hawthorne, dog rose and hazel. With careful management, these would become a dense natural barrier, rich with wildlife.

GATHERING SPACE
Potential for gathering space, including seating. Issues of anti social behaviour addressed through understory planting, and a hedgerow consisting of native thorny species: blackthorn, bramble, hazel, hawthorn etc

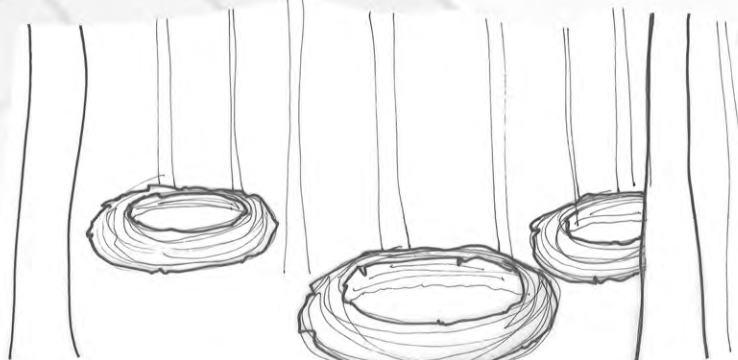
Views out of the space could be gained by creating a platform at the far side (away from residents houses) that gave a view above the hedgerow and out into the wider landscape



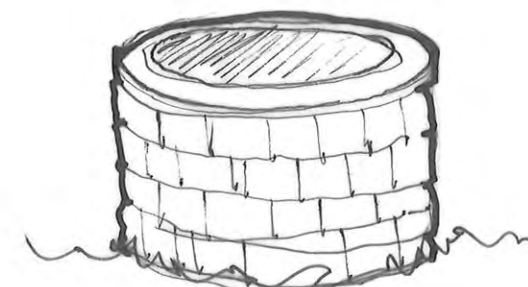
Example of a den with some local stone boulders



Any dead trees can be left for habitat, and any felled trees can be formed into habitat piles to increase the biodiversity of the woodland, and provide a refuge for animals and a learning experience for users



Willow woven play sculptures



"old stone well" some pieces can be there to intrigue

GEOGRAPHICAL INTERPRETATION
Skyline style interpretation relating to landmarks/ features/ and notable locations within the surrounding locality. Also potential for geology. Interpretation to be unique, with sensory elements for disabled users
Flagpole: resurface and include interpretation: signage/ art installed within the surfacing

Second viewpoint. Resurface to link in with flag pole area with associated artwork. Surfacing material TBA. Potential for Beacon to be located

ENTRANCE/ EXIT
Link to Tot Lord Plantation (gradients and access are similar to general Castlebergh Crag route)

Scrape vegetation back to upper path edge to create wider path

Remove ash saplings to provide view out from base of crag. Remove vegetation from path around base of crag

Limited ash removal to recreate view

New bench

Remove grass and weeds from exposed bedrock 'steps' to improve access

ROCK FACE

glade

glade

glade

LOW IMPACT ZONE

views

Block planting to screen specific areas of overlooked housing/ gardens and restore privacy to residents

ENTRANCE
New entrance next to scout hut extension. A new set of steps to be installed and also a stepped path up and into the woodland with a hand rail

NEW ENTRANCE

SCULPTURE TRAIL
A subtle trail of sculptures that are set within the trees, providing an element of intrigue. Sculptures could be made from natural materials such as willow for a transient effect from felled trees, doubling as bug hotels for invertebrate species and from stone.

PATHS
The topography doesn't allow for any significantly shallower paths so to allow for improved and safer access, handrails, platforms and benches can be installed. Widen existing paths where feasible to increase accessibility.
Roots frequently cross the path. A root protection system will be installed where required to allow new surfacing to be installed without adversely affecting the trees. Increase width of path here to 1.2 m where possible.

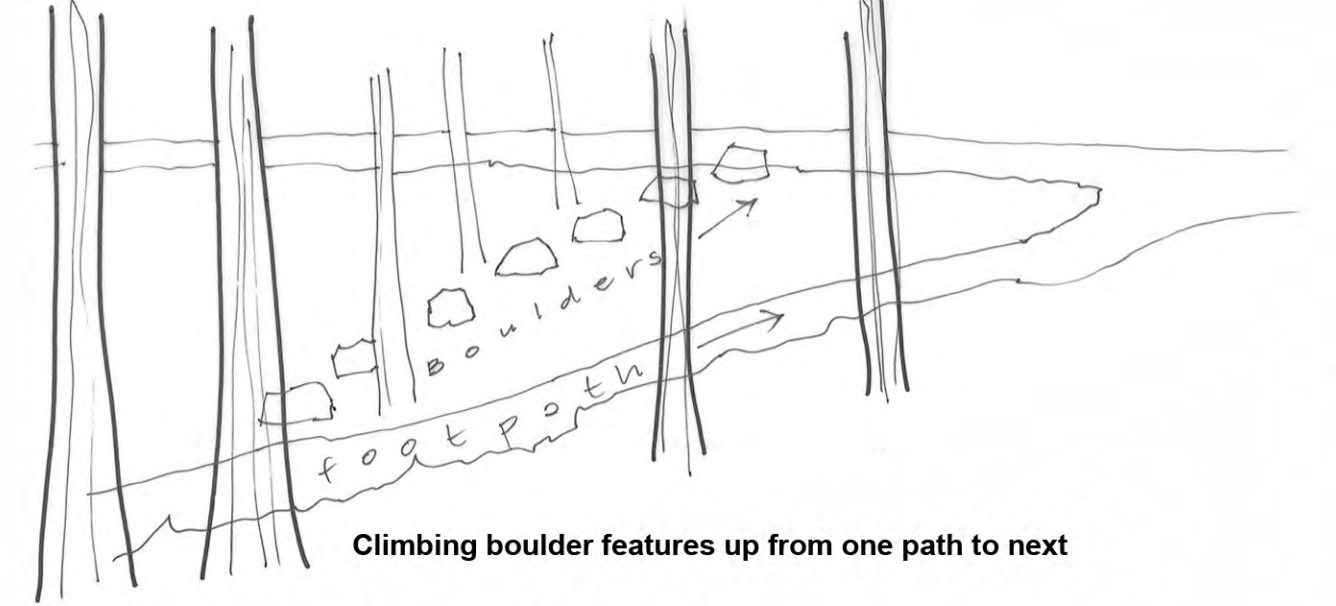
There is evidence throughout the woods of existing path edging in the form of random walling stone. Due to the nature of the limestone bedrock throughout the wood, stone edging of this type would be easier to install and historically sympathetic

INTERPRETATION
Include location boards that indicates routes, length of routes, difficulty of routes to allow for users to plan appropriately and assess for themselves the suitability of particular routes to their own needs.

KEY

- Open grass areas
- Tree cover
- Proposed woodland glades
- Understory barrier planting
- Screening planting
- Existing path, improved
- New path
- Existing path to be left as is
- Handrails
- Crag rock face
- Proposed Beacon
- Selected ash removal
- Tree walk
- Hill slide
- Sculpture (willow)
- Sculpture (local stone walling)
- Sculpture for play (willow nests)
- Entrances/ exits
- Existing boundary wall
- Low impact zone
- Existing flagpole

*Text in green reflects biodiversity actions



Climbing boulder features up from one path to next

Paths within the Low Impact Zone (as identified in the Bowland Ecology Report) to be left as they are. This allows people to continue using them as they have been but will encourage fewer people to use them

UNDERSTOREY REESTABLISHMENT
Remove non native species, to allow native understory to reestablish

Steps to increase ease of access where particularly steep

BIRD/ BAT BOXES
Install bird/ bat boxes in suitable trees to increase potential for roosting/ nesting to increase biodiversity and bioabundance of the crag area.

Stone walls throughout the woodland as sculpture/ play to match the surrounding landscape, and potential to align with Stories In Stone

Screening for houses on Castlebergh Lane consisting of native thorny species: blackthorn, bramble, hazel, hawthorn etc

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26.7.18	Notes added re: beacon, slide, entrances, new paths	A	AM
13.9.18	Additional elements added: entrances, sculptures, path railings.	B	
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29.10.18	Plan refinement for council meeting	D	

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