

Survey of the Haugh 29th May 2011
(by members of Clyde Scottish Wildlife Trust)

1. Formal area around the War Memorial

Hedges

- Hawthorn - best option
- Blackthorn
- Holly - not so good - gets bare at base as it ages

Consider planting Dog Rose in between

2. Wildlife area along riverbank

Good range of wild plants

- Crosswort
- Woundwort
- Nettles
- Speedwell
- Bush vetch
- Water aven
- Meadowsweet
- Celandine
- Cow parsley
- Bishop's Wort
- Willow herb
- Creeping buttercup
- Forget-me-not
- Figwort
- Wood stitchwort - uncommon - sign of ancient woodland
- Giant hogweed - **inform SC**

Recommendation: Keep areas open

3. Island - Wild plants (good range)

- Pink purslane - **keep in check**
- Ragwort - not a nuisance here
- Coltsfoot
- Woodrush
- Plantain
- Garlic mustard - attracts orange tipped butterfly
- Dame's violet - attracts orange tipped butterfly
- Water aven
- Woodrush
- Slender speedwell
- Wood speedwell
- Germander speedwell
- Stichwort
- Woundwort
- Pignut
- Spanish bluebells - **remove**
- Creeping buttercup
- Ladies' Manle
- Equisetum - enough competition to keep in check
- Comfrey - **keep in check**
- Wood anemone
- Angelica
- Broad leaved dock
- Herb Robert
- Dandelions
- Dog's Mercury - sign of well-established woodland
- Japanese Knotweed - **inform SC**
- Common chickweed
- Butterbur
- Giant Hogweed - **inform SC**

4. Island - Trees

- Willows
- Bird Cherry
- Witch elm
- Sycamore
- Holly
- Oak
- Ash - not a problem as have high canopy
- Beech - leaves get washed away so not a problem
- Beech seedlings

ACTION PLAN

1. Riverbank

- Keep areas open
- Keep an eye on sycamore seedlings

2. Plants on island

- Inform SC re Japanese Knotweed
- Inform SC re Giant Hogweed
- Remove Spanish bluebells
- Keep pink purslane in check
- Keep comfrey in check
- Attack butterbur at edges to keep in check - could spread over island

3. Trees on Island

- Not a lot of action needed on trees
- Remove beech seedlings
- Might need to fell beech tree in future

Useful contacts:

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