

## Dormice rediscovered



27<sup>th</sup> October 2012 saw dormice confirmed as present at Coed Pendugwm for the first time in 9 years.

100 new dormouse boxes had been erected in the March of that year, but had remained unused until then.

Since their rediscovery, we are happy to report that dormice have continued to use the boxes, which are checked

monthly between April and November.

In fact, in summer 2013, one female was found in the same box in four successive months, successfully raising three youngsters.

The dormouse survey work is carried out by Voluntary Warden and MWT Conservation Officer, Tammy Stretton. If any

Montgomeryshire Field Society members wish to join Tammy on these visits, or help with any of the monitoring, they would be most welcome. We cannot guarantee seeing a dormouse though!

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**Other monitoring news**

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust has also erected new bird and bat boxes and an Otter holt, during 2013. The latter, made from recycled plastic, was constructed as the nearby holt, which had been constructed from natural materials had succumbed to age!

With support from Natural Resources Wales, we have also undertaken Common Standards Monitoring (CSM) monitoring of the habitat at Pendugwm Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), of which Coed Pendugwm is a part. We are delighted to report that the SSSI is in 'favourable condition'.



*New Otter holt prior to covering with brash, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013*

**Site management**

The late snowfall in March 2013 brought a large number of trees down on the reserve. Once again, a significant amount of tree surgery was needed to clear the paths and make them safe.

A small area of Hazel, around the car park was coppiced in December.

**Access**

We are pleased that the work to renovate the car park in March 2012 has allowed consistent access to the reserve, even through this very wet winter.

If you have any problems with access, or indeed wish to report anything about the reserve, please contact Tammy.



A Breeding Bird Survey was conducted on the reserve in Spring 2013. 21 bird species were recorded, including a single male Wood Warbler singing on the reserve for the first time in many years.



*Clearing the bridleway, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013*