



## Habitat management for the Heart Moth

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

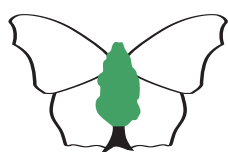
- ◆ Mature oak stands should be retained wherever possible as this habitat is of high conservation value and supports this and many other important species.
- ◆ In woodland and wood pasture aim to provide a continuity of supply of mature oak, including mature oak trees in open conditions.
- ◆ Pollarding 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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