

# OR/19/054 Recommendations

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## Practical Recommendations

- Trickle Ridge (RSPB Booth's Wood & SCC Dale Sprink SSSI) consider erosion protection, fencing bank at base of Trickle Ridge adjoining public footpath.
- 'The Petrifications', Cotwalton Drumble — consider selective removal of sycamore and holly from above the dripping rock outcrops with tufa along the north bank to rejuvenate stands of *Palustriella commutata* which currently appear to be stunted due to heavy shading. Historic photos of these outcrops c.1915/16 suggest the site was once more open.
- Emerald Cave and Dale Sprink (RSPB Booth's Wood & SCC Dale Sprink SSSI) — control of invasive Himalayan Balsam *Impatiens glandulifera*.
- Emerald Cave (RSPB Booth's Wood & SCC Dale Sprink SSSI) — liaise with the private landowner(s) to promote the restoration of seepages associated with their water supply. Its location as a source of potable water may also have implications for how or when Himalayan Balsam is treated in the area, especially around the spring head and associated pipe work.

## Research and survey recommendations

- This small survey highlights the potential for varied and good condition H7220 sites in Staffordshire and an expanded survey could identify and help protect other tufa forming sites in Staffordshire.

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