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## Britain's Oaks are under threat!

### Please help Woodland Heritage support the vital research required into Acute Oak Decline (AOD)

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In June 2011 Woodland Heritage launched an urgent appeal to fund vital research into the causes of **Acute Oak Decline (AOD)**. This disease is demonstrating a huge potential threat to the future of our iconic Oak. Its place in our historic countryside just cannot be ignored!

Through our efforts to support the work of Dr Sandra Denman at Forest Research, a new bacterium has been discovered, which is linked to AOD. However, further mapping and research is necessary to try and isolate the causes and to find a way to understand and tackle this disease.

Sandra and her small team have made numerous presentations on AOD in East Anglia, The Midlands and the South West. They are currently recording Oaks on several sites across the UK – taking bacterial samples from stem bleeds and monitoring the *Agrilus* beetle attacks at these sites. Sandra has produced "Best Practice" guides and other useful information to growers, which can be accessed via [www.forestresearch.gov.uk/oakdecline](http://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/oakdecline)

**Our target is to raise £45,000 in a short space of time to ensure that the current progress is not halted.**

**Woodland Heritage would like to appeal to landowners, foresters and those who value our iconic Oak to help raise these essential funds. We have set up a special "AOD Account" for donors and will be taking advantage of Gift Aid wherever possible.**

The Trustees of Woodland Heritage urge you to contribute to their Acute Oak Decline Appeal and will be working closely with other forestry organisations, which fully recognise the consequences if this vital research work is halted.

The future of our nations iconic Oak tree is now in the balance.

All donations/cheques should be made payable to 'Woodland Heritage' and will be used solely for this specific research project – thank you.

*Peter Goodwin*

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**A PLEDGE TO SUPPORT  
RESEARCH INTO ACUTE OAK DECLINE**

I would like to support the vital research to help determine the causes of Acute Oak Decline (AOD) through the registered charity Woodland Heritage.

I would like to pledge the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_

I would further like to pledge the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ per annum for:

One year       Two years       Three years

I would like to be reminded each year   
*(please tick boxes as appropriate)*

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First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland Heritage undertake to ensure that all donations made to the charity for the Acute Oak Decline Project will be used solely for this purpose. A specific restricted account has been set-aside for this purpose.

**All donations/cheques should be made payable to 'Woodland Heritage'.**

**A Gift Aid Declaration** is attached, if you would like to help us in this way. This will enable Woodland Heritage to reclaim an extra 28% on your donation

***Thank you for your generosity.***

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**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

**The benefits of your generosity will be greater by making a donation in the following tax efficient scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to help us in this way, please complete the simple form below – you will not incur any additional charges.**

**Woodland Heritage GIFT AID Declaration  
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*I wish Woodland Heritage to treat as Gift Aid all donations that I may pay from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise. I further confirm that I pay sufficient income, or capital gains tax to cover the tax reclaimable by the charity in respect of donations.*

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All outright gifts to Woodland Heritage, including legacies, are exempt from Inheritance Tax. Please contact your Solicitor for an appropriate form of words.

*Please kindly complete and return, along with your donation to:*

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*Thank you*