SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BOYLEGROVE WOOD

SITE CODE: 001854

Boylegrove Wood is a small deciduous woodland located c. 2km north of the village of Kilmichael and 6km south-west of Macroom Town, west County Cork. It is situated near a bend in the River Lee which flows along the eastern and southern edges of the site. To the south of the wood between the woodland and the river is heathland with many rock outcrops which is used for rough grazing. The rest of the surrounding land consists of large agricultural fields. The wood is part of an old estate attached to Boylegrove House.

There is very little information for this site, the An Foras Forbatha report (1972) records that it is locally important deciduous woodland of mainly Sessile Oak (*Quercus petraea*) and Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*). The ranger report (1993) notes that the wood is intact and infrequently grazed, mainly by cattle; there is also some dumping and littering activity occurring in the wood but it is not thought to be seriously damaging the wood. They also note a small area of clear felling in the north-east of the site, where there is wet grassland with some scrub woodland of Downy Birch with Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) The felling is thought to have occurred some 20 years ago.

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