

Retrenchment pruning

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- **884 ancient trees**
- **403 hectares**
- **8 species of trees**
- **The only intact Royal Hunting Forest in the UK**
- **Dates from the time of the Norman Kings**
- **Top 10 site in the UK for saproxylic species.**
- **National Nature Reserve**
- **Special Site of Scientific Interest**
- **Virgin land- never been ploughed**
- **Managed by the National Trust since 1924**















Ratio:

4:1

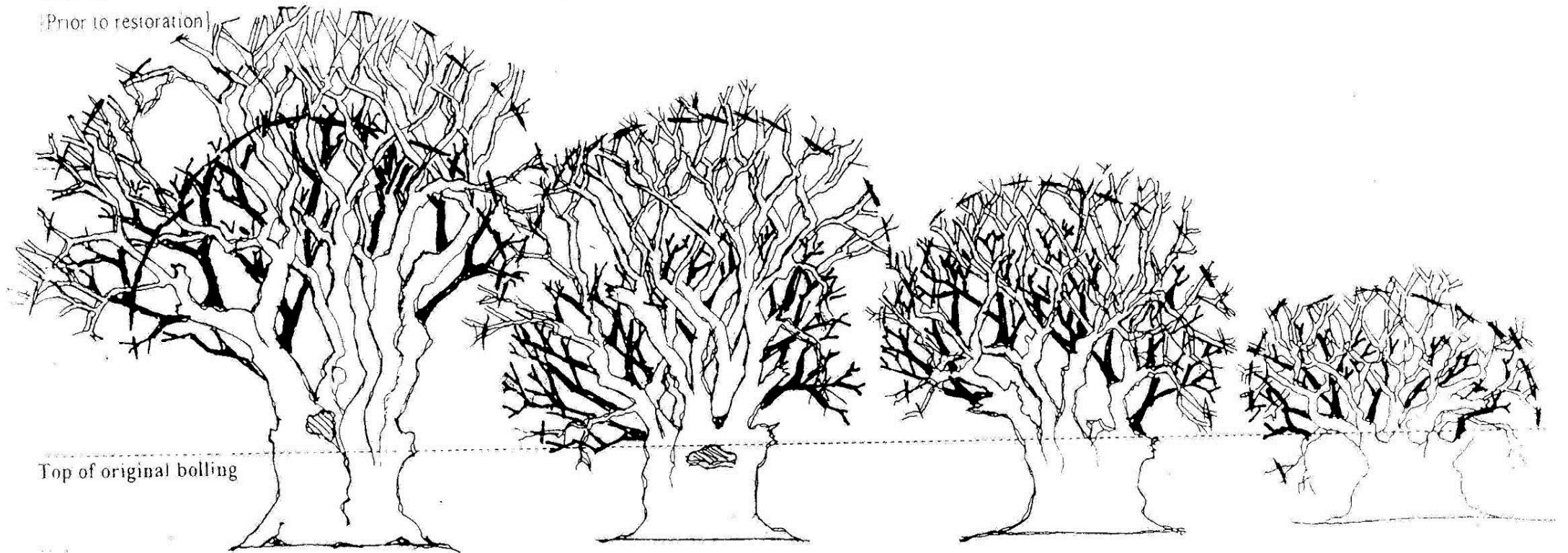
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[Prior to restoration]

Top of original bolling



Retrenchment pruning- phased cutting over 3 decades

Second cut

Third cut

Fourth cut

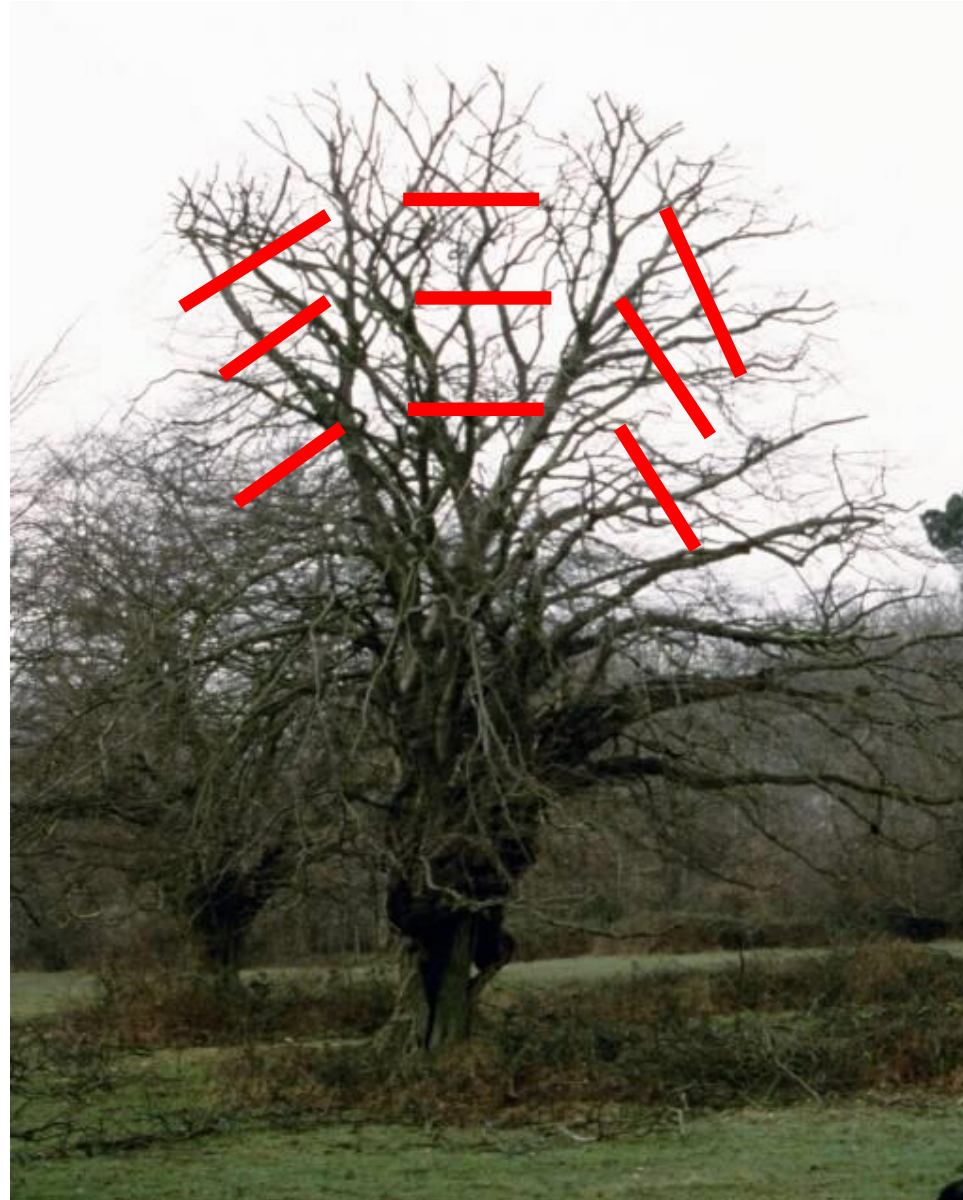


Photo - Vikki Bengtsson

















































Staged reduction cutting is to stop

**Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire – The Major Oak
Population of 998 ancient oaks throughout the forest**











Before cutting



End of branch removed

A photograph showing two branches of oak leaves with serrated edges, laid out on a light-colored wooden surface with a prominent grain. The branches are positioned diagonally across the frame. At the bottom left, there is text with two red arrows pointing to the branches.

Shorten two more > >



Completed. Imagine this principle on a much larger scale







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