

SEEING THE LIGHT...

If left unmanaged, heaths often become overgrown with birch and pine.

As less sunlight reaches the ground, plants like heather are shaded out and stop growing. Lots of animals rely on these plants for food and shelter.

Woodlarks feed on insects and spiders amongst short heather, and make their nests on the ground.

Lizards love to warm themselves in the sun.

When the overgrowth is cleared, heather often comes back as its seed can survive in the soil for over 70 years! Look closely for signs of new shoots coming up.

Silver-studded blue butterfly



Common lizard



Green tiger beetle



Clearing scrub and trees from heaths allows heathland plants, endangered birds and other wildlife to return.

