

Our friends at Loose Swiss Scouts have asked the **North Loose Residents Association** to display the following notice on their behalf, in connection with tree management at Boughton Quarries in the Loose Valley. Which we are pleased to do on their behalf. We hope some of our members will get the opportunity to visit and see the work they are doing during the Spring.



## WOODLAND MANAGEMENT.



The woodland known as **Quarry Wood** is currently undergoing an extensive Management plan. This has been devised by a professional Woodland Consultant in conjunction with the Forestry Commission.

**Coppicing** is a traditional method of **woodland management** which exploits the capacity of many species of trees to put out new shoots from their stump or roots if cut down. In a coppiced wood, young tree stems are repeatedly cut down to near ground level, known as a stool. New growth emerges and after a number of years, the coppiced tree is harvested and the cycle begins anew. The cycle length is dependent upon the species cut, the local custom, and the use to which the product is put. Coppicing has the effect of providing a rich variety of habitats, as the woodland always has a range of different-aged coppice growing in it, which is beneficial for biodiversity. Currently unmanaged areas are being cleared by Coppicing and to date 400 new indigenous trees have been planted.