# Devon’s management of Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus & the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum

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# Ash dieback in Devon

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Ash dieback is a disease affecting ash trees in our countryside and towns. It



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# Estimating mortality rates of European ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) under the ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) epidemic

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**Societal Impact Statement**

Damage to ash trees by ash dieback caused by the emerging fungal pathogen *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* is impacting people across Europe. This poses challenges to: public safety; productivity of commercial forestry; green spaces and human well-being; and ecosystem services and carbon sequestration. Here, we seek to quantify the impact of ash dieback on tree mortality by analyzing surveys counting the proportion of trees that have died in sites across Europe. However, more and better data are needed to inform policy makers, foresters, conservationists, and other stakeholders as they plan for a long-term future with ash dieback.

**Summary**

- The ash dieback epidemic, caused by the fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, has been present in Europe for over 20 years and caused widespread damage and mortality in ash tree (*Fraxinus excelsior*) populations. Ash is a major natural capital asset and plays an important role in nature's contribution to people in Europe.
- Here, we present a meta-analysis of surveys of ash mortality due to ash dieback, and a time-dependent model to estimate longer term mortality.
- In plantations established previous to the arrival of the epidemic, we analyze 12

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| 2025-2029 | 10,024 | 24,235 | 16,115 | 10,243 | 8,023 | 33,721 | 27,664 | 106 |
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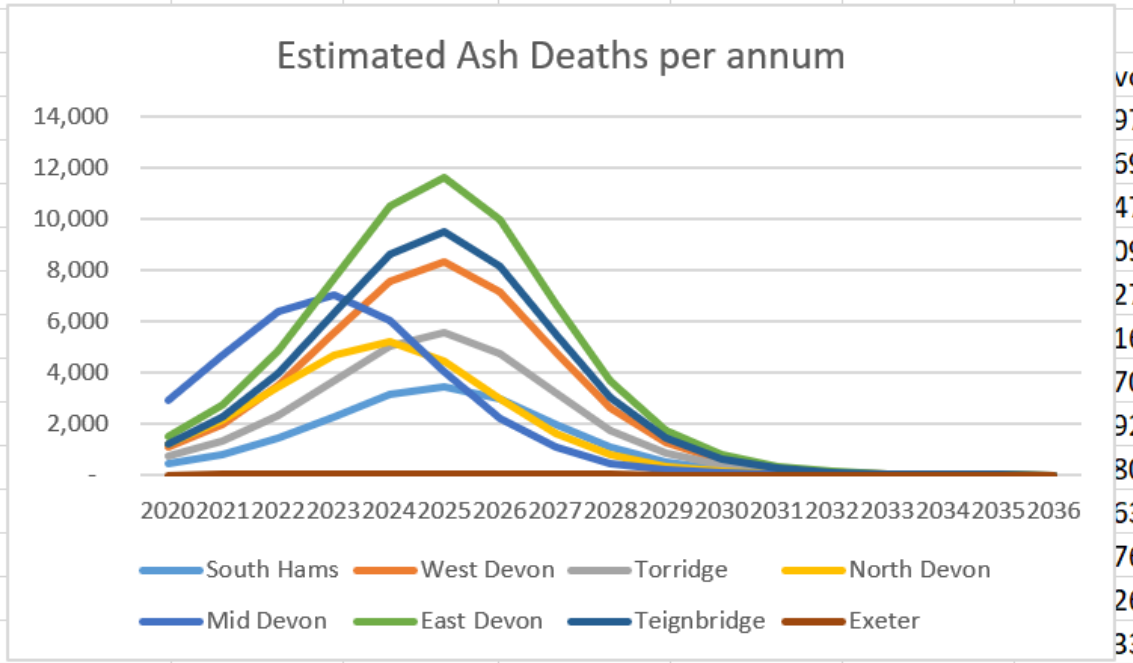


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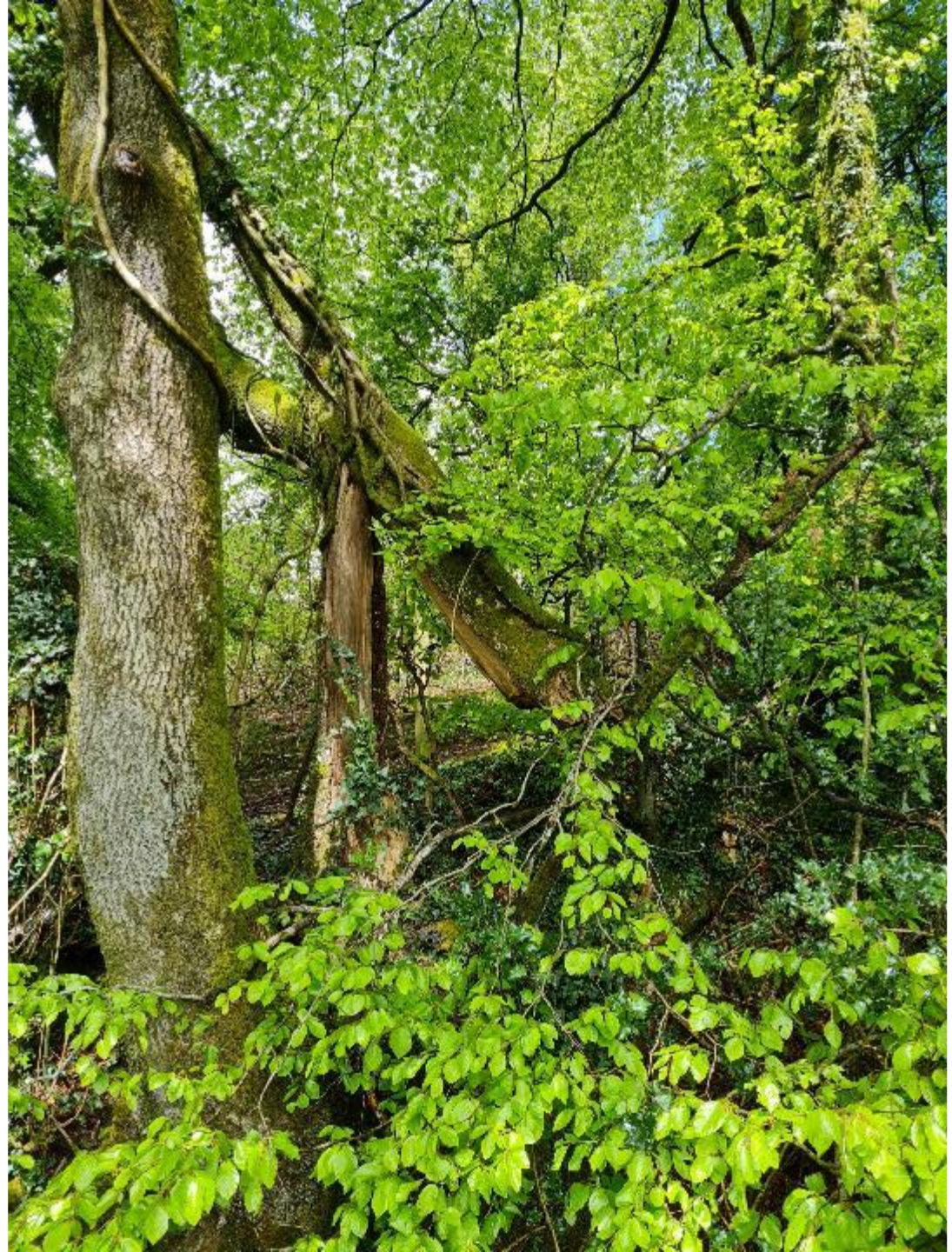

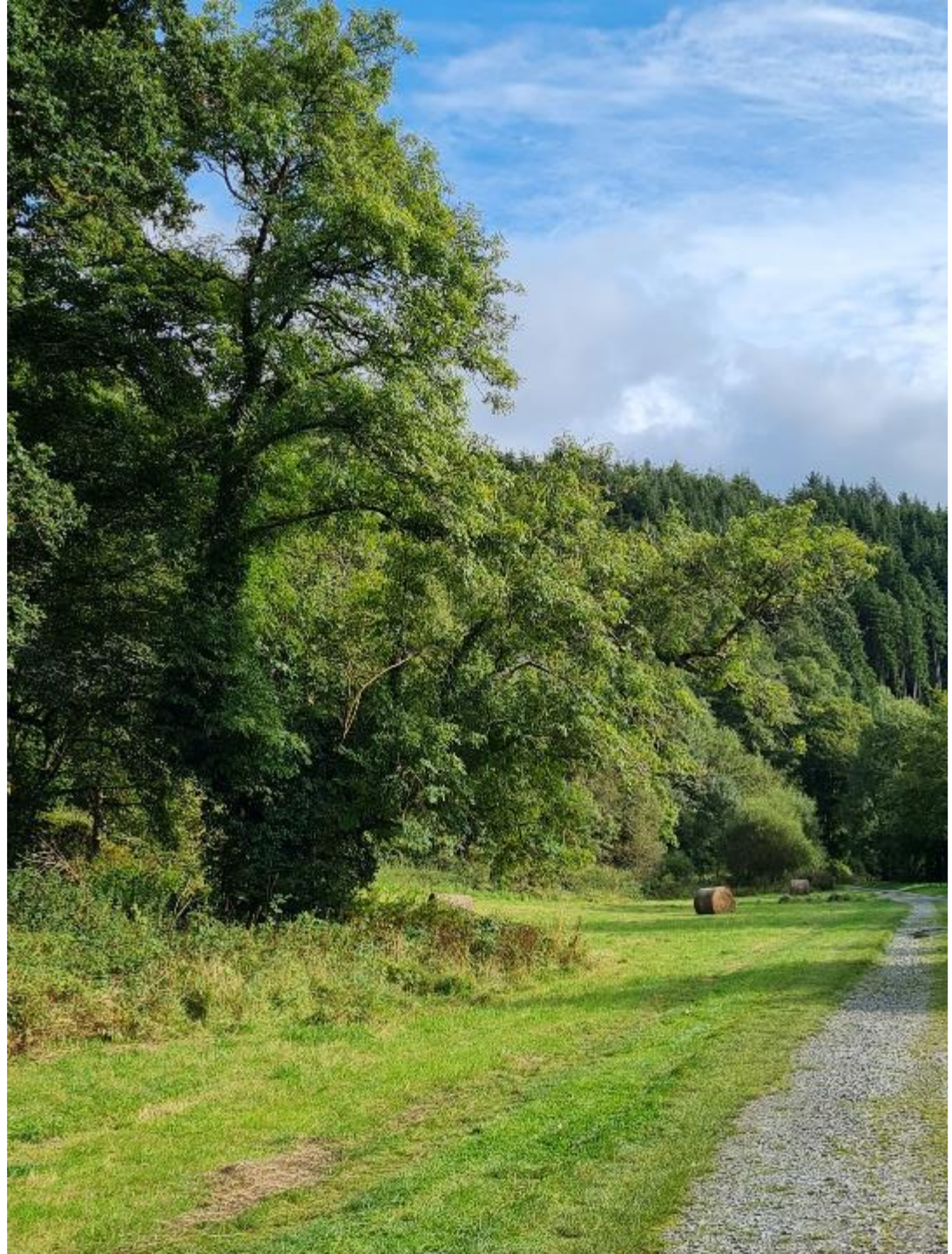

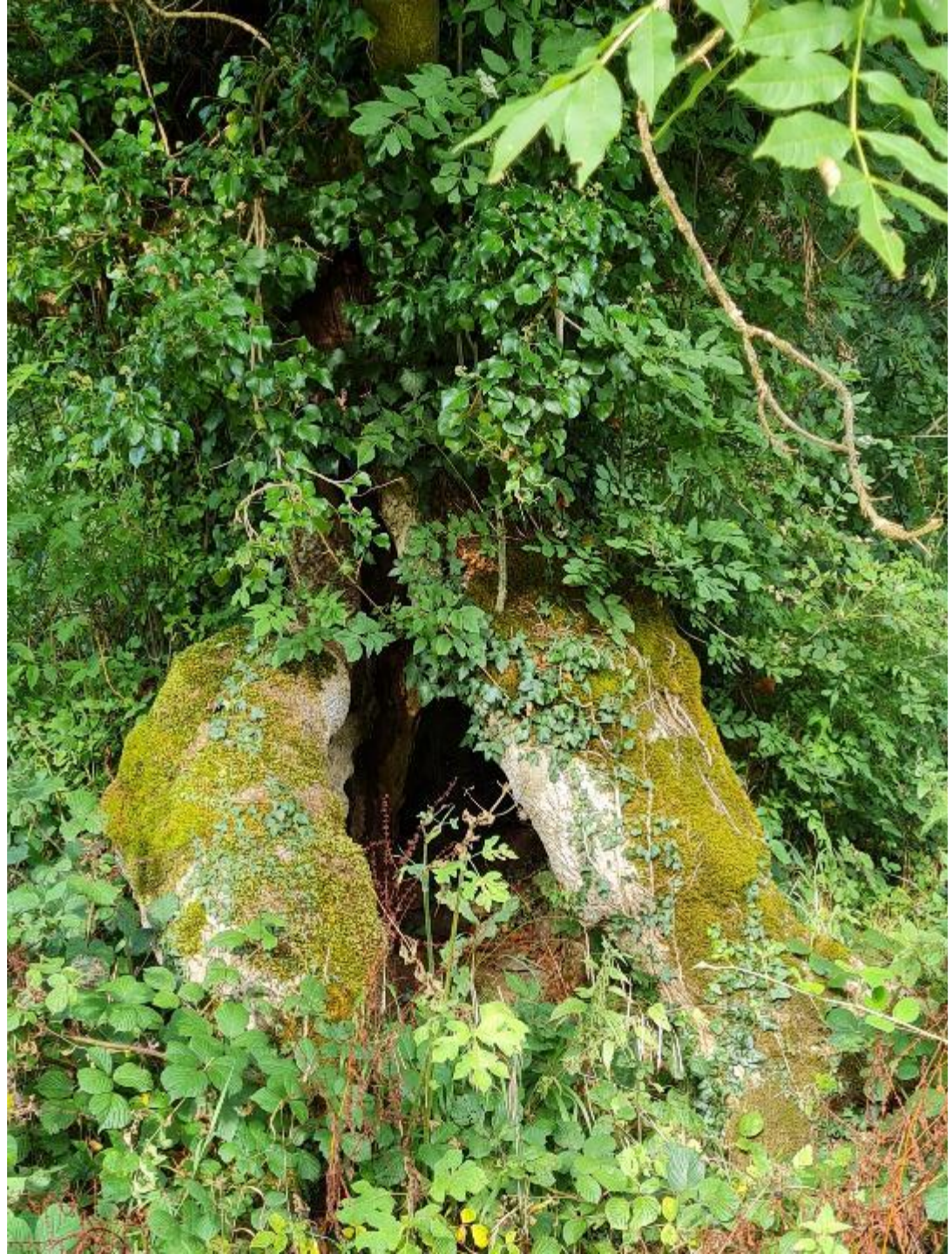

Thank you for listening.

Keep standing up for Trees!!!

May the Dryads watch over you.