**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**

**Recovering Adders on the Cotswold Escarpment**

**Leckhampton Hill Recovering Adders Project**

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust supported by Cheltenham Borough Council, FOLK and Cotswold Wardens will be working in January 2025 on Leckhampton Hill on the above project. Adders require a combination of grassland to bask in, areas of shrub and thick cover close by to provide refuge should they be disturbed and this will be achieved by extending the edge habitat that already exists in the area. The project will involve the felling of a number of trees, these trees are 90% dead larch and some beech and ash. (see plan below) The contractor will be on site from the 6th \_  15th January 2025. The trees will be felled but not extracted, this felling will allow more light into what is presently a very dense area of woodland. A volunteer day is planned for the 21st January when they will deconstruct the trees that have been felled and create pieces of dead wood, dead wood hedges and numerous brash piles, These will eventually bramble over offering good habitat for nesting birds as well as reptiles.

