



Friends of Nore Barn Woods Newsletter – Jan 2013

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2013 are now due, and a form is attached to this newsletter. Subscriptions are now £3 pa, the first increase since our formation in 2002. Subscriptions are our only source of income, so the Committee hope you will continue to support us. Providing us with an up to date email address helps us enormously.

Bank erosion problem – update

The Shoreline Conservation project has now finished and the rammed earth bank is attaining a more natural slope. Consideration is being given to possible future work on the bank to provide a more permanent solution. This would need further fund-raising.

UE11

The recent residents' poll identified UE11 (the horse field) as the area least liked for development in Emsworth. Following this, UE11 is now a "discounted" site in the Housing Allocations Plan. Since then metal fencing and notices have been erected around the fields. The Friends have commented on the plan to HBC in the January consultation, and will continue to monitor the situation, because there could be a domino effect which would have a serious impact on the AONB and the woods.

Nature

Continuous rains in December have made the woods very muddy, and have damaged some of the paths. Only time will tell what the impact on wildlife such as birds and insects has been. Brent geese are numerous on the mudflats, and evidence of deer has been seen in the wood.

Dog poo

Unfortunately not all dog owners are clearing up after their pets. Please keep your dog on a lead or in sight, and clear up after.

Nore Barn Woods sign

The existing main sign frame for the woods is over 10 years old and rusty. A new sign in a solid oak frame is being provided by HBC.

People

Unfortunately Ralph Cook, a recent addition to the Committee, suffered a serious stroke before Christmas. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.

Workdays

Tree surgeons have coppiced about a dozen spindly hawthorn trees in the main wood, to preserve the trees before they topple. In the north wood a crack willow has been pollarded to prolong its life and several sycamores have been felled.

Work parties have cut areas of dead bramble to promote regrowth, and will soon be cutting a small section of the reedbed near the pond to keep it healthy. Further work on the reeds will be done next year.

Workdays will be held on the following Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Everyone welcome. Meet at the shore end of Warblington Road.

16 Feb
16 Mar
20 Apr

Thank you

Whether it has been through the workdays or as moral support, your membership is greatly appreciated.

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