



Friends of Nore Barn Woods Newsletter – May 2015

AGM

The AGM of the Friends will be held at the picnic table on the foreshore on Saturday 13th June at 11am, after a shortened workday. The Agenda is annual report, accounts (see website), motions, election of Trustees.

There will be one motion - to agree a more detailed Constitution (as advised by the Charity Commission). A draft will be posted on the website before the AGM.

All members are invited to join us for this short meeting, followed by light refreshments!

Hedge project

Work has continued to improve the hedge along the Wayfarers Walk. Volunteers have coppiced some 70m of this hedge, and replanted with a fruiting hedgerow mix of saplings on two days. It is hoped to continue this work next Autumn.

Shore project

The main 80m of Armorloc bank protection, completed in October 2014, has held up well to the Winter storms. We are continuing to investigate funding sources to complete the final small length.

Nature

Despite a dry March and April, occasional rain has kept the woods green. There are fine displays of May blossom throughout the wood and bluebells in the West. The Wayfarers Walk is lined with umbellifers such as Cow Parsley. And a relatively uncommon (for Nore Barn) Firecrest has been spotted recently.

Slow Worm project

A project has commenced to relocate some Slow Worms to the woods, from the Interbridges development site in Emsworth. These legless lizards require very little "maintenance", but we will be improving habitats for them, particularly round the edge of the woods, funded by a contribution from the developers.

Workdays

Work parties have been held to rake the main paths, manage the north wood, and cut and rake off some of the pond reeds to keep these healthy.

Workdays will be held on the following Saturdays 9:30 to 12:00 noon. Everyone welcome. Just bring gloves and yourself! Tools and refreshments supplied. Meet at the shore end of Warblington Road.

13 June (AGM at 11am)
11 July
No August workday
19 Sept

Thank you

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

Contact details

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<http://www.norebarnwoods.org.uk>

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