



Friends of Nore Barn Woods Newsletter – October 2011

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends was held on 25th June on the foreshore.

The Committee was elected as follows: Bruce Darby (Chairman), Pat Balchin (Treasurer), Roy Ewing (Secretary), Jo Kemp, Sheilagh Marchment, Mike Thomas, Doug Outram.

Please contact any of the Committee if you have a query or comment about the woods – we are here to help!

Bluebells

The task for the October workday will be to plant 1500 native bluebell bulbs.

These have been bought with a grant from the Tree Council, to whom we are grateful.

For details of times, etc please see below. Please bring a trowel if possible.

Bank erosion problem – update

HBC have produced an “Asset Defect Report”, which identifies several solutions. HBC have indicated that the likelihood of any current spend is remote. A glimmer of hope is that a budget may be available in the year 2012/13

In the meantime meetings continue with HBC Officers and our local Councillors to decide on the best practicable cost-effective solution.

Foreshore Bridge Erosion

There is concern about erosion around the concrete apron on the west side of the bridge. A site meeting took place with HBC and they have indicated that remedial work should be completed by the end of October.

Website

The Friends’ website is updated several times a month. You can visit the website at: <http://www.norebarnwoods.org.uk>

Nature

The variable Summer weather has been good for the woods, with enough rain to keep things green. Blackberries too have been profuse.

The sparrowhawks returned again to the woods to breed. Surprisingly no-one realised until the young started fledging.

The open grass areas have been mown by HBC – this is carried out annually and the cuttings removed in order to impoverish the soil and promote wild flowers.

For the same reason the borders of the Wayfarers Walk have been strimmed by HBC. The edges will be cut back by the Friends to ensure that the full width of the path remains usable for the future.

Meetings are being held with the Council to update the Work Plan for the woods. Although the Friends have always followed good conservation practice, HBC are keen to have an input to ensure that the woods survive in good shape into the 22nd Century.

Workdays

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

15 Oct
19 Nov
17 Dec

Thank you

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

Contact details

For further information on FONBW, contact Bruce Darby on Emsworth 372905.