



Friends of Nore Barn Woods Newsletter – Sept 2012

General Meeting

A short general meeting will be held at 11am during the 20th October workday to consider a resolution to increase subscriptions to £3 pa. Subscriptions are our only source of income and they have been £2 since our formation in 2002. Even with the increase they still represent incredible value for money.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends was held on Saturday 16th June.

The following were elected: Chairman – Bruce Darby, Treasurer – Pat Balchin, Secretary – Roy Ewing, Committee members: Jo Kemp, Mike Thomas, Dee Townsend and Ralph Cook.

Minor amendments to our Constitution were accepted, to enable us to access external grant funding.

Bank erosion problem – update

An agreement has been signed with HBC for them to commence work on phase 1, hopefully in the coming weeks, with the Friends supplying all the funding. Phase 1 is the construction of a protective rammed earth bank. Phase 2 to clad the bank in Armorloc blocks to match the adjacent shoreline is delayed through lack of finance until at least 2013.

The rammed earth bank is designed to survive winter storms and should protect the shore path and endangered oaks for several years before suffering degradation. The phase 2 solution will offer protection for many years.

UE11

The recent residents' poll identified UE11 (the horse field) as the area least liked for development. There have been statements in the Press which suggest that this field is not in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This

is untrue, as shown on HBC maps. The Friends will continue to monitor this situation, because there could be a domino effect which would have a serious impact on the woods.

Nature

With the variable but wet weather of Summer, nettles have thrived, but there have been fine displays of willowherb and self heal. On the marsh, sea aster is a blaze of purple. Blackberries seem to be fewer this year, but the hawthorn trees are laden with berries.

HBC have strimmed the main Wayfarers Walk and will soon be doing the annual grass cut/collect of the open area. This is to promote wild flowers.

Workdays

A special workday on the 8th September helped local tree surgeon Mike Reed to clear the overhanging vegetation on the shore. See photos on website. Mike gave his services free of charge to support the shore erosion project. Regular workdays have cleared some of the internal paths in the wood.

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.

20 Oct
17 Nov
15 Dec

Thank you

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

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