



PRESS RELEASE

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Managing Nore Barn Woods for the future

The Friends of Nore Barn Woods have recently planted oak and hawthorn saplings as part of the management programme of this very popular woodland. At a recent work party a number of volunteers, including a group of young people, helped with future-proofing the woods. Most of the large trees in the woods are of a similar age. That means that when they reach maturity, all at a similar time, the woods will lose a lot of the biggest trees. So by planting saplings and making sure they have room to grow, a more balanced woodland will result. Later some thinning may be necessary.

Bruce Darby, Chairman of the Friends of Nore Barn Woods said: "It was good to have a group of young people joining our monthly work party of volunteers. We want them to be able to enjoy the woodland in the future, so planting saplings now makes good ecological sense. Our plans for shoreline protection are also progressing well and we hope to have more news on this soon."

Volunteers from the Friends of Nore Barn Woods have been busy fundraising and working closely with Havant Borough Council, the landowners, to move forward on the scheme to protect a short section of the shore from wave action. This is undermining much vegetation and could threaten the future of this wonderful woodland enjoyed by so many. A number of local organisations have pledged their support and very welcome donations have come in from Emsworth Residents Association, Hampshire Council (through Ray Bolton, the local councillor), Emsworth Tree Wardens and the Emsworth Horticultural Society. Chichester Harbour Conservancy and The Friends of Chichester Harbour have also pledged significant sums. A number of local individuals have also made generous donations. The Friends of Nore Barn Woods are most grateful for any contribution, large or small. A target of £18,000 is needed to protect the shoreline from further undercutting. It may be that work will start on this as soon as this Autumn if the fundraising continues successfully. All details are on www.norebarnwoods.org.uk

Donors and potential members can contact the Treasurer Pat Balchin at 67 Maisemore Gardens, Emsworth on 01243 377404 or e-mail her on patbalchin@gmail.com

Caption: Planting for future generations: Chairman of the Friends of Nore Barn Woods, Bruce Darby works with young volunteers planting oak and hawthorn saplings: From Left: Bruce Darby, Esme Cooper, Josie Roonan, Izzy Gwyn and Michael Cooper. Some of the youngsters are volunteering for this work as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.,

Information for Editors:

For more details on the conservation work, please contact Mike Thomas of the Friends of Nore Barn Woods at mike@ctechco.com All details are on the website at www.norebarnwoods.org.uk

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