



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Summer 2015 Newsletter.

From the Chairman.

This newsletter is being written at the end of July and the weather is anything but summery for the start of the school holidays, hopefully we will get some more good weather before autumn sets in.

All the problems we have experienced with the committee members have now been sorted out and we have a new Treasurer in place Paul Curtis from Langley Vale who is also one of the Friday Volunteers, and we have been joined by William McKee who was on the committee many years ago and lives on Boxhill Road. These members have had to be co-opted under the constitution and will hopefully be approved by you at the AGM in November.

We have received two substantial donations recently one in memory of Robert Bridges which will be used to carry out a pet project of his opening up a wide sightline from the road onto the heath beyond near Brimmer Car Park this should be carried out by contractors during the coming winter. The second donation is from a village resident and the committee is in discussion on what use we might put it to for the benefit of visitors, one suggestion is the replacement of a number of the benches on the heath which are in a poor state of repair.

The heath is looking good with many visitors commenting favourably on the opening up and the creation of new vistas both on the heath and far away to the distance which have not been available for many years. A nice lot of Heather is beginning to return and there has been an excellent display of Sorrell and Wavy Hair Grass. The Nightjars returned and appear to have breed successfully and Woodlark have been seen and heard. By the time you read this the contractor will have returned and sprayed the Bracken areas with the chemical Azulox for the third time, the first spraying showed a remarkable reduction in growth but my personal feeling is that the second spraying did not as much reduction as the first.



The Rangers and volunteer teams have been doing housekeeping tasks during the bird nesting season so as not to cause unnecessary disturbance, these have included cutting out paths extending the stone bank for Lizards near the Pyramids and replacing the fencing and anti-vehicle stobs at Hyde Farm. They have also enjoyed a couple of away days at other properties.





It has been a good year for Rowan (Mountain Ash) berries which will provide a good food source for the birds next winter if they survive that long. There is also a good display this year of Dwarf Gorse which looks very pretty mixed with purple heather.



Many of you will know the only wood and cast iron seat on the heath which was provided in memory of Miss Vogler and is situated on Purley Plain under a large Oak Tree. Here is a comparison picture of the newly placed seat and as it is now It is not known if the tree was specially planted.



Dates for Your Diary

We will be having a stand on the heath again this autumn to let visitors know who we are and what we do the date is September 20th please try and come along and visit us. We will have bagged dry logs for sale on the day so come and stock up for the winter. All the wood has come from the clearance work on the heath and is prepared cut and bagged by volunteers.

New Chairman and Committee: The AGM this year is November 21st in Headley Village Hall. The talk this year following the AGM and tea will be about the butterflies on Headley Heath and the surrounding area and will be presented by Gail Jeffcote our local butterfly expert. At the meeting you will be electing a new Chairman to take over from me, one suggestion is that William McKee is asked to take over the role.

Bits and Pieces

We still have stock of the notelets available which are ideal for thank you notes etc. and the sales benefit our funds.

New members are always welcome so why not ask a friend who uses the heath to join us, We have designed a new membership leaflet and some will be available at the AGM for you to take and give to potential members.