

ASHURST WOOD CONSERVATION GROUP



Newsletter Spring 2011

Spring is just beginning, you can see the male catkins on the hazel shrubs, the bluebells emerging and the primroses are in full flower.

The volunteers have been busy. The Sandstone is now fully exposed. BIG thank you to Ceri and John who spent a few extra hours to finish this task on another day. Well done boys.

November was spent making Christmas wreaths to sell at the village Christmas market. We had 2 days on this – we certainly needed it. The Christmas market was a success. We sold 35 festive wreaths, as well as fudge boxes and table decorations. We even got 2 new members. A few paid their subs. If you haven't paid yours please do.

John Pear's field was thinned out/coppiced by the tennis court/pavilion. This was the last piece to do.

As it snowed in December we just met for drinks and mince pies.

We have been back down the 'Old Cellar's' restoring this beautiful Beech wood, that a lot of us played in when we were kids.

We have been awarded a grant for £500 towards litter picker uppers from WSCC CLC. As we delivered the Ashurst Wood Parish Council newsletter last Autumn we were granted £100. We are purchasing more tools.

In April it is the annual spring clean/litter pick around the village. This is in conjunction with BTCV 'big tidy up' and Parish Council – Ceri will be leading this. This will be a great opportunity to try those litter picker uppers that WSCC granted us.

In June we are very lucky, along with our neighbouring conservation group Ashplatts, to be able to go along with the Co Director of the High Weald Jason Lavender to Mayfield and find out how the High Weald all began.

You will need to book for this exciting event.

July is the Summer fair - we will be having a tombola stall – volunteers and prizes are needed.

We are in need of a volunteer to take on publicity.

We have a new treasurer – we say thank you to Susan and welcome Gwynneth.

I hope you have all cleaned out your bird boxes from the winter ready for the breeding season which is just around the corner. If you need to hang them up

remember its North/East. Clean your bird table and feeders ready for the onslaught they will receive once the breeding season starts. Make sure there is water available all the time.

If you haven't paid your subs £3 please pay before 30th April 2011 and deliver to the treasurer. Cheques made payable to Ashurst Wood Conservation Group.

Dates of Tasks 2011

April	Spring clean/litter pick
May	No meeting
5 th June	Mayfield High Weald Walk
2 nd July	Summer fair Manning stall
July	Vegetation cutting/foot path clearing
August	No meeting
September	John Pear's field Meadow raking
October	Old Cellars
November	Old Cellars
December	Old Cellars

The task days are normally held on the 1st Sunday of the month 10.am meet until 3.pm Please wear old clothes, stout boots and bring a drink. If you are staying all day bring a packed lunch. Cakes are normally provided.

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