

Countryside Service Report - December 2016

Highwood Management Conference

1/ Management Tasks

- Removal of a number of dangerous trees - staff and contractors 2 days.
- Scrub removal on heathland - staff and volunteers 14 days (so far).
- Removal of dangerous trees - staff and volunteers 3 days.

2/ General Ranging

- General work including cutting back footpaths, strimming and removing hung-up trees - monthly visits between April and October.
- Removing flytipping, garden waste - 3 incidents.
- Litter picking.
- Boundary/ site inspection, fixing fencing and bridges.
- Responded to 4 incidents of fires/graffiti/camping.

3/ Volunteer Involvement

- The Friends group has continued to support the Countryside Service, by walking every day helping to patrol the site, litterpicking, reporting of problems and directing us on site to the location of jobs.
- 58 volunteer workdays (excluding Friends visits) have been carried out this year; including Dinton work skills project for vulnerable/at risk young people and Community Services.

4/ Next Year (this winter)

- Rhododendron/ Laurel control in compartments 1-4.
- Scrub management on the Heathland Compartment.

5/ News

- Completion of Heathland fencing.

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