



Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

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Already a member ?

If not, you may not realise that keeping the grass cut, replacing the bollards and generally managing and maintaining Booker Common is carried out by us *The Booker Common & Woods Protection Society*. We also monitor local planning applications and oppose those we believe will be detrimental to our local environment and participate in the consultative committee for the Airpark.



We are able to do this thanks to the annual contributions made by our members. Just £4.00 per household. So, if you use and enjoy the Common and are not yet a member please join us and help to keep the common at its best by adding your contribution. I am sure you will agree £4.00 per year is a very small price to pay.

To join us please email me, Chair@bookercommon.org.uk. I will add you to our membership and arrange for one of our volunteers to call around, explain more about our work and collect your subscription.



You can find out more about the society and our work on our website

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Litter

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our slightly delayed autumn litter pick. For the second time in one year the weather suddenly changed forcing a late date change. For the spring litter pick in March, it was an unexpected snow fall, this time we were struck by a severe rain storm.



Also, amongst the usual collection of cans, bottles and fast food wrappers was one item that required some special effort. A burned-out motor scooter dumped in the hollow below the triangle.

This was however no match for our volunteers. A small group cut the scooter in half before manhandling it out of the hollow and on to the path. With the aid of some wheelbarrows it was then taken to the edge of the woods and added to the pile for collection by the council.

Our next group litter pick is scheduled for **Sunday March 17th**. Please make a note of the date and join us if you can. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and there will be no more scooters to deal with.

Commons Diary

Sunday March 17th - Spring Litter Blitz
Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale
In aid of the Booker Memorial Hall
Monday May 27th - Spring Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale
In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society
Monday May 20th – Society AGM

Airpark Planning Application

A planning application has been submitted to widen the entrance to the Airpark. The alterations will improve access and visibility. Since the changes are all within the area that is already hard standing the society has decided not to raise any objections. Full details can be found on the WDC planning portal, application reference 18/07644/FUL

Just a few Snips



The Woodland Walk is now a well-established feature of Booker Common but without some attention the woods will progressively reclaim the path and some sections may become difficult to follow.

Fortunately, the solution is simple. A little pruning and some local brush cutting and the walk will remain open and accessible.



Winter is the time to do it, so over the next couple of months you may well come across small groups of us working along the paths with brush cutters and hand tools, cutting back the bushes that are encroaching on the path.

We made a start at the beginning of November and will be continuing in the new year.

You too can help, with '6 Snips'

If you remove just a few overhanging branches each time you use a path, very soon there will be a noticeable difference.

So, next time you are heading out for a walk with the dog or just going for a stroll in the woods don't forget your secateurs. Your '6 snips' together with everyone else's will help to ensure that the paths stay open and clear.



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