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The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

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Annual General Meeting

**8:00pm, Monday May 20th
Booker Memorial Hall**

Our 38th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Booker Memorial Hall on Monday May 20th starting at 8:00pm. The AGM is open to members and non-members and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.



The AGM is an opportunity to meet other members, find out more about the society and give us your views. If you would like something specific included please email me at chair@bookercommon.org.uk or come along and raise it during the meeting. Draft minutes from last year are on our website, www.bookercommon.org.uk, and copies will be available at the meeting.

Guest Speaker

We are very pleased to welcome Andrew Jenkins, Waste Promotions Officer at Bucks County Council as this year's guest speaker. Andrew is an award-winning specialist in the field of waste management working to reduce waste, optimise waste collection and enhance recycling. This is an opportunity to learn more about waste management in the County and at High Heavens Household Recycling Centre here in Booker. There will be time for questions after his talk.

Election of the Committee and Officers for 2019/2020

We would be very pleased to welcome new members on to our committee. If you would be interested in becoming a committee member, please email chair@bookercommon.org.uk, call Brian on 01494 449035 or simply come forward at the AGM. We are particularly keen to encourage younger members to join the committee but any interested member would be very welcome.

The following existing committee members are willing to continue for a further year if re-elected

Brian Tranter (Chair)	Jeff Harvey	Tony McMahan	Co-opted Members
Tim Speechley (Secretary)	Sally Jay	Akosua Ofori	Sophia Hobbs
Phil Stagg (Treasurer)	Simon Fraser		

Thanks to Sally and Steve Blackman who have decided to step down from the committee this year

Commons Diary

Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale in aid of Booker Memorial Hall

Monday May 20th – AGM

Monday May 27th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale in aid of Booker & District Horticultural Society

Saturday June 22nd - Booker Show

Disposing of Dog Mess



At the beginning of the year a small group of volunteers cleared the bushes from the edge of the common near to the coronation trees using brush cutters. In the process, this small area revealed the extent of a very unpleasant activity by a few thoughtless dog owners.

More than 30 'plastic bags' of dog mess were found amongst the undergrowth despite it being no more than 300 metres from two dog bins.

Unfortunately this is not an isolated instance, as anyone who uses the common knows, but an example of the scale of the problem.

Quite simply leaving or throwing bags of dog mess into the bushes, hanging them on branches or placing them at the base of a tree is not clearing up. Clearing up means taking the bag of dog mess to the bin and we ask that all dog owners do so. Thank you.



Need more exercise. A chance to get out into the fresh air...?

Then come and join our volunteers and help us to keep the common, this oasis of countryside on our doorsteps, at its best



Just a couple of hours, now and again is what it takes to keep the paths clear, control some of the rampant bushes and move the occasional fallen branch. But to continue to do this work we need more volunteers. So, if you are interested then join us. To do so all you need do is send me an email at chair@bookercommon.org.uk, and I will add you to our volunteers 'contact group'. When a work party is planned, we will let you know when and what work we are going to do and if you are available you can join us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our *Spring Litter Pick* which this year included members of Sands Residents' Association who worked with us along Horns lane. Your help to remove the litter and keep the common clear makes a big difference and is appreciated by all of us who care about the local environment.

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