

# Woodsman



*The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society*  
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## The 30th Annual General Meeting

Will be held in Booker Memorial Hall on

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.00 pm.**

The meeting will include the presentation of  
The Allan Duggin Memorial Award to The Wycombe Wildlife Group

*This award is given annually as a recognition of work to conserve the environment and  
encourage young people in conservation.*

Roger Wilding, Chairman of Wycombe Wildlife, will give a brief talk on the Group's  
activities.

### **Finance - Review of Membership Subscriptions and accounts.**

See the balance sheet at the AGM.

### **Election of Committee 2011/2012.**

All members of the Society are invited to apply for election to the committee. Please phone nominations to Rita Luxton on 01494 436807. Serving members are: Rita Luxton (Chair), Paul Baker, Katherine Cox, Simon Fraser (Planning), Jeff Harvey, Charles Pugh, Tim Speechley (Hon Sec), Ron Walker, Vic West and Brian Wilson. Brian is retiring this year from his post as Hon Treasurer, which will be taken by Simon Fraser. Brian has been responsible for collating all of the membership details, the accounts, preparing spreadsheets for subscription collectors and generally tidying a system which had fallen short of efficient for a few years. Hedley Luxton (JCC Air Park) is a co-opted member.

We obviously have vacancies for new committee members and although we boast a good cross-section of Common residents, fresh blood, new ideas and new faces are still needed. Commitment is for six meetings a year, the duty is light, but the opinions are crucial. If you think we're missing an angle, please propose an improvement, an alternative, or even *volunteer* to serve on the committee. We need your help.

### **Planning**

**Planning continues for High Heavens Waste Transfer Station.** This will entail the movement of 8 vehicles an hour (in and out) over a ten hour day an estimated increase of 1% of total traffic flow. Work is expected to commence in October of this year.

**Update on the proposed WDC/WSDL sports village project and stadium at Booker.**  
We are currently waiting for WDC/WSDL to submit a Business Plan.

## **BOOKER COMMON AND WOODS PROTECTION SOCIETY**

*represents 300 households in Booker. It was formed in 1982 as a Charity to conserve and protect the rural environment of the area which comprises of the open commons and the surrounding Green Belt and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Society is run by volunteers and carries out practical conservation work and organises regular clear-ups throughout the woodland and commons. We make an annual award in cooperation with Wycombe Ranger Service to encourage young people in conservation. We also speak out against the potential threats against the area and try to represent the views of our Members in order to safeguard the local environment.*

### **The Constitutional Aims of the Society include:**

- 'To act against any intrusion or development within the local Green Belt or Area of outstanding Natural Beauty which forms a natural boundary on the western side of the town',*
- 'To act against development likely to increase ambient noise or air pollution and where possible to reduce them' and 'To undertake practical conservation work by volunteers on the Urban Commons within the Society's resources'.*

## ***New members are always welcome***

*All we ask is a minimum subscription of £3 per household per annum.*

*There is a Committee Meeting every two months which you may or may not like to attend and an Annual General Meeting in May each year, we produce regular Newsletters, have a web site and contribute to the local 'Link' magazine.*

**To join please contact the chairman on Tel. 01494 436807  
or e-mail [chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:chair@bcwps.org.uk) and provide your Name, Address and Telephone Number.**

**Web site [www.bcwps.org.uk](http://www.bcwps.org.uk)**

*As so many of you who are supporting the Society's stance in opposing the Stadium/  
Sports Village are not members of our organisation please take this opportunity to join,  
have your say and help protect the area in which you live.*

## ***Please Help Us To Help you!***

*We would like the help of residents to deliver newsletters and or collect subscriptions, if  
you can only 'do' your road or street it will help - Telephone 01494 436807.*

## ***Existing Members e-mail addresses***

*To improve our contact with Existing Members we are requesting that you send us your  
e-mail addresses with your Home Address and Telephone Numbers to [chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:chair@bcwps.org.uk)*