



# Woodsman

*The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society*

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## From The Chair



After a relaxing summer enjoying the sunny days (it was the 7<sup>th</sup> sunniest since records began) autumn arrived and time for the litter pick. The usual assortment of cans, cartons and bottles was collected and once again the common was left looking at its best. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Some of you received an email from me publicising this event and I know that this contributed to the very good turn out. However, we don't have an email address for all our members. If you didn't receive an email about the litter pick then that includes you. To be included all you need to do is send an email to me at [Chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:Chair@bcwps.org.uk). We can then keep you informed of our plans, so I look forward to hearing from you.

**Committee Members** Have you ever thought about becoming a committee member? We have a space on our committee that could be yours. To find out more you can email me or call me on 01494 449035 and I will be very pleased to explain what's involved and how you can help.

**Annual Subscriptions** If you were not able to join us for the AGM then you may not be aware of the decision to increase our subscription to £4.00 per household. This will be the first increase since 1993 and is needed to allow us to meet our ongoing commitments. Volunteers will be collecting the 2013-2014 subscriptions soon. If you feel you could help us by collecting in your road then do please contact me.

## Apple Trees

Apple trees, almost lost at the edge of the woods, have been uncovered thanks to some hard working volunteers from Bucks New University.

Along with some of our own committee members, the students gave up an afternoon to cut back the bushes that over the years had surrounded and engulfed these trees.



Apple trees lost amongst the bushes



There is more work to be done but once we get the trees into the open we can help them to flourish and in time become a feature of the common again.



One piece of equipment that helped with this work and will help with many more projects in the future was the Brushcutter. The society was able to purchase this thanks to a very generous grant by the Chilterns Conservation Board, the Chilterns Commons Project and the Heritage lottery fund.



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# Commons Diary

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> - Bollard working party  
Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bollard working party  
Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring Litter Blitz  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Bank holiday Car Boot Sales  
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> - Summer Party on the Common (TBC)  
***Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Society AGM***

## Clearing the Triangle



**From This**



**To This**



The services of the recently founded Chiltern Rangers were used by the society to clear and reclaim the triangle from the past year's growth of nettles, grasses and other assorted weeds.

Our challenge now is to continue the work to keep this area under control and once again make it an inviting entry point into the common.

The ground is very fertile, so in order to encourage the plants we want, rather than those that nature may prefer, some regular working parties will be needed. If you would like to volunteer to help us manage this small but important part of the common, please let us know. Along with your practical help, your ideas and expertise will be very welcome.



## *New Members*

Do you have friends and neighbours who are not members? If so, please tell them about the society and suggest they join us. They can do so by sending an email to [chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:chair@bcwps.org.uk) with their name and address or by calling Brian on 01494 449035 and we will be happy to welcome them.

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