



Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society
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Thank You

In the past few months two organisations have contributed significantly to the work of the society and deserve recognition and thanks.



In the Autumn Red Kite, who many of you will recognise as a local housing association, made a substantial donation to the society. This has allowed us to purchase new tools that will significantly help with our work parties and litter picks.



You will no doubt remember that in August the common was occupied by a group of travellers. They gained access by removing the bollards protecting the vehicle entrance opposite the hall.

Since steel bollards, concreted into the ground, had not deterred the travellers more substantial measures were needed to reduce the risk of future occupations. Thanks to local resident Wayne Jeves, Hughes and Salvidge supplied material and machinery so that in concert with the estate the necessary changes could be made.

A new 'Dog Waste Bin'



Continuing the subject of 'Disposing of Dog Mess' highlighted in our last newsletter we are very pleased to report that we have paid for and installed an additional 'Dog Bin'. The new bin is located adjacent to the layby near to the junction of Lane End Road and Horns Lane. Importantly the Council have agreed to adopt the new bin so its contents will be collected and disposed of by them.

We hope that the many dog walkers who use the common will make good use of the new bin and it will help to eliminate bags of dog mess from the woods.

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Commons Diary

Friday January 10th & Saturday January 25th – Work Party
Sunday March 15th - Spring Litter Blitz
Friday May 8th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale (*To be confirmed*)
In aid of the Booker Memorial Hall
Monday May 25th - Spring Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale
In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society
Monday May 18th – Society AGM

Need a little exercise?



Feeling the need for a little exercise? Then why not join us at one of our work parties and help with the maintenance of the common.

At this time of year, we need to cut back the bushes that grow along the edge of the woods and also maintain the paths that make up the Woodland Walk.



We will be starting to tackle these jobs on **Friday January 10th** and **Saturday January 25th**. If you are free please come along, lend a hand and get some exercise.

Details of our work parties are posted on our website, <http://bookercommon.org.uk/events/>. You can also receive information directly through our 'volunteer' group email. Just email contact@bookercommon.org.uk to be included.

Litter Pick

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help with the Autumn litter pick which for the second year had to be rescheduled due to torrential rain.



Our next organised litter pick will be in the Spring, on **Sunday March 15th**. In the mean time thanks to everyone who collects litter when they are using the common. Your help keeping the common and woods free from litter makes a big difference.

Other ways you can help

If you would like to help the society in some way other than working on the common, then why not help us with our annual subs collection. If you could collect the subs from members in your street or road it would be a great help to us and would be an opportunity for you to say hello to your neighbours.

If you are interested please email Treasurer@bookercommon.org.uk and Phil will be very happy to explain what is involved.

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