



# Woodsmen

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society  
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## Collection of Subscriptions



Around this time of year, we would normally be calling upon members to collect the annual subscriptions that keep the society going. However, with the ongoing risk of Covid-19 a doorstep collection would be completely inappropriate. We do however still need funds to continue with our work. This will be particularly important in the coming months once the work by the West Wycombe Estate to remove diseased and damaged trees is complete.

Some members already pay by standing order. Please can we ask those members from whom we normally collect, to use this as an opportunity to do so as well. This can be arranged on line or by contacting your bank. The subscription is just £4.00 per household, although many of you also add a donation to our fighting fund. Any additional donation can be included in the standing order payment.

To make the payment all you will need are the details of the BCWPS account (which are shown below), the date when the payment is to be made (which can be any date but preferably in December or January) and a reference (for example, your house name or number and post code) so that we can identify the payment.

Thank you for your help and continued support. We know that the common has become an important place for many of our members and others to exercise or just spend time in the fresh air during the restrictions. This time next year we hope that some normality will have returned. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### **To set up a standing order please use the following bank account information**

Account Name: **Booker Common and Woods Protection Society**  
Acc Number: **20177806**  
Sort Code: **20-40-71**

## Autumn Litter Pick

Thanks to everyone who joined our litter pick in October. We had an excellent turn out and made a real difference to the common.



## Protecting the Common

A new steel post has been concreted into the ground opposite the Memorial Hall to prevent vehicles driving on to the common through the pedestrian access.



## **Commons Diary**

*(To be confirmed)*

Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> - Spring Litter Blitz

Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale

*In aid of the Booker Memorial Hall*

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> - Spring Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale

*In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society*

**Monday May 17th – Society AGM**

## **Changing Woodland**

Not since the late 80's has the woodland changed so much in such a short time. Then it was the unprecedented storms, now it is the work by the Estate needed to remove diseased and dangerous trees. The work is not yet complete but there are already areas that were dense woodland and are now open and empty. More areas are set to be cleared in the same way and when the felling is



complete the woods will look very different.

It has been hard for everyone who knows the common to watch as trees have been felled and the land ploughed up by heavy machines.

However, this work is necessary and once it is finished it will give us a new opportunity. Paths can be restored or recreated, new trees planted and perhaps new open areas could be created.



Some of you may remember or may even have been part of the group of volunteers who, after the storms 30 years ago, planted more than 1000 new trees to repopulate the woods.

With your help and a little planning, we can do the same again. Nature will do the rest. The common may change and look different but it will remain as a place for all to enjoy.

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If you would like to join the society and support the work to look after the common please visit our website

[www.bookercommon.org.uk/join-us](http://www.bookercommon.org.uk/join-us)