

Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society
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Notice of Annual General Meeting at 8 pm on Monday 24th May 2004 in Booker Memorial Hall, Booker Common

Guest speaker, Stuart Dale 'What are they doing to our woodland?'

Stuart is Manager of Tilhill Forestry Ltd., who are contractors to the Dashwood Estate, responsible for woodland maintenance

This year there will be the first of an annual presentation of the 'ALAN DUGGIN MEMORIAL AWARD' in recognition of work and support for the environment

Committee 2003/2004

All subscribing members of the society are invited to offer themselves for election to the new committee. Rita Luxton (Chair), Tony Dunford (Membership Sec), Paul Baker, Tony Hall, Colin Kennedy (Planning), Tim Speechley (Sec), Ron Walker and Vic West.

Hedley Luxton (Booker Airfield Joint Consultative Committee Rep) is a co-opted member. The committee still needs fresh minds and energy to continue. We need to know what you want. If the committee are *still* getting it wrong, please tell them.

Currently we are in desperate need of someone with accountancy knowledge to prepare our annual financial statement.

Policy Statement

Again we produce the abridged policy statement. Is it still relevant? Should we modify it or add to it? Please attend the meeting if you want to discuss it, or contact your local committee member.

To protect and enhance the environs of Booker Woods and Limmer Common within Society resources.

To campaign against the intrusion of any development which may threaten the adjacent Green Belt and AONB.

To resist any development which may curtail the enjoyment of the freedom of access to fresh air and exercise which the Common affords.

Environment

The spring tidy was carried out on 25th April. About 20 volunteers turned out, some a day earlier as they had previous engagements, which was very responsible and much appreciated. We apologise for the delay in collection of filled bags; steps are being taken to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Hate to mention the bluebells again - but they are getting better by the year.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY