



# Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society  
*For the Common Good*®

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*It is with sadness that we report the passing of Rita Luxton. Rita was a committee member for more than 30 years and Chaired the society for 10. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Hedley.*



## Wild Flowers



In 2014 a small area on the common was prepared by hand and seeded with wild flowers. After a couple of years this area was flourishing and with ongoing care has continued to do so.

On several occasions we have discussed expanding this area and finally thanks to a few volunteers and the loan of a rotovator we have now been able to do so. After raking up the grass cuttings, the ground was turned over, the clumps of grass removed and the plot seeded with a mixture of wild flowers.

All being well we should start to see the results of this work in late spring and summer of next year although it will take another year or two before the meadow will be seen to full effect. Not



only should this be an added attraction to the common but it will also bring tangible benefits in the form of more bees, butterflies and other important insects enhancing the biodiversity of the common.

The area that we have prepared is obvious and has been marked so please take care not to disturb it to give the seeds chance to germinate, take root and grow.

## Join us on Facebook

Have you found and photographed some interesting or unusual flora or fauna on the common, or perhaps you have some information that would be of interest to others who use the common? If so then join our new Facebook group where you can share what you have and join in the conversations.



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You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bookercommonwoods> and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Commons Diary

*(To be confirmed)*

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Litter Blitz  
Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale  
*In aid of the Booker Memorial Hall*  
Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale  
*In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society*  
**Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Society AGM**

## Subscriptions

Last year many of you made an electronic bank transfer or set up a standing order to pay the annual subscription, and we thank everyone who did so. This year, with life returning to normal, we will be resuming our door step collections, although we are very happy to continue to receive payments directly to our bank account:



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

We know who paid electronically last year but not all entries on our bank statement can be linked back to exact addresses. Therefore, if we call on you and you have either set up a standing order or intend to pay electronically, please inform our collector so that we can update our records.

## New Handrails

The Society has had hand rails constructed and installed at the crossing point on Horns Lane opposite the public footpath.



Unfortunately crossing the road is still difficult and potentially dangerous due to the bend in the road and the speed of some drivers but the hand rails should make this well used footpath a little safer and more accessible.

## Clearing the Triangle

Thanks to our small band of volunteers the triangle has been cleared and the cuttings removed to encourage wild flower growth next year.



If you would like to join the society, please visit our website

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