



# Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

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## 2024 Annual General Meeting

8:00pm, Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Booker Memorial Hall



*Our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held in the Booker Memorial Hall on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00pm. The AGM is open to members and non-members and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.*

The AGM is an opportunity to meet other members, find out more about the society and give us your views. If you would like something specific included, please email me at [chair@bookercommon.org.uk](mailto:chair@bookercommon.org.uk) or come along and raise it during the meeting. Draft minutes from our last meeting are on our website, [www.bookercommon.org.uk](http://www.bookercommon.org.uk), and copies will be available at the meeting.

### Guest Speaker

We are very pleased to welcome Chris Wege as our guest speaker. Chris is a member of the management committee for Coleshill Common. His talk *A Hilltop Village with a common - but not Booker* will give an insight into the history and management of a Common just a few miles from Booker.

### Election of the Committee and Officers for 2024/2025

**We would be very pleased to welcome new members on to our committee.** If you would be interested in becoming a committee member, please call me on 01494 449035 or email [chair@bookercommon.org.uk](mailto:chair@bookercommon.org.uk). We are particularly keen to encourage younger members to join the committee.

The following existing committee members are willing to continue for a further year if re-elected

Brian Tranter (Chair)  
Sally Jay (Secretary)  
Phil Stagg (Treasurer)

Tony McMahon  
Ian Evans  
Hedley Luxton

Steve Blackman  
Wayne Jeeves  
Ron Bowden

#### AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

To undertake practical conservation work by volunteers on and around Booker Commons.

To act against any intrusion or development that would negatively impact our area in particular the Booker Common and the Local Chilterns National Landscape.

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## **Commons Diary**

*(To be confirmed)*

**Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Society AGM**

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> - Car Boot Sale**

*In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society*

**Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Litter Blitz**

## **Bluebells**

Bluebells are probably the most recognisable and best known of all wildflowers. They create the unmistakable carpet of blue that appears in early spring. At the time of writing, bluebells are already beginning to appear around the trees at the northern end of the woods and will soon be flowering.



Amongst these bluebells are hybrids and probably Spanish flowers that are more vigorous and out compete the native English plants. This does not detract from the welcome splash of colour they create but we decided the woods were deserving of an area of fresh native English bluebells.



To that end, earlier this year, we planted 1000 English bluebell bulbs. We chose an area within the woods well away from the existing flowers. They are now beginning to show themselves, and although we don't expect much this year, we hope that in years to come Booker woods will have its own carpet of English bluebells.



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## **Membership and Subscriptions**

Thanks to everyone who continues to support our work. Your subscriptions are what allows us to keep the grass cut, the bollards in place, the paths clear and much more. To see more about the society and what we do please visit our website [www.bookercommon.org.uk](http://www.bookercommon.org.uk).

If you would like to make a contribution you can do so directly to our bank account.

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