

Annual Public Meeting of The Friends of Limpsfield Common

17th September 2022 11:30 am

St. Andrew's Hall, Limpsfield Chart

Agenda

Speakers: Tony Pearson, Ann Osborn, Jeremy Saunders, Mark Dawson, Stephanie Fudge
Committee Representatives: Louise Hazelden, Sarah Cusak
NB: Federico Ghittoni joined for Q&As

Apologies: Yves Le Hur, Maggie Morgan, Claire Blackwell

Review of Activities of Friends of Limpsfield Common TP

2020 public survey carried out on Limpsfield Common. Feedback included:

Improved signage requested
Trails around the common
Play areas erected
More litter & dog waste bins to be available
Woodland Management
Parking is an issue

A successful request was made to The Tandridge District Council / Community Infrastructure Levy Fund to fund projects. £71k was awarded in 2021

This has been put towards the High Chart carpark improvements, Easy Access Trail, Information Boards are being replaced & improved

Bird, Bat and other creature boxes in Ridlands Grove, funded by other donations.

Additional funding from the recent Chart Fair enabled the creation of the Family Activity Trail alongside funding from the Oxted & Limpsfield Rotary Club.

Platinum Jubilee commemorated with an English Oak planted by Brian Longley in front of The Carpenters Arms

In remembrance of Brian the Friends Special Task Force team made an oak bench & table inscribed with help from National Trust volunteer at Leith Hill Place.

Limpsfield Common Book (Shirley Corke) published and copies sold. Thanks to Yves Le Hur for leading the small team who achieved this.

50 Year Anniversary of Transfer to National Trust Parish Council AO

Footpath Responsibilities

the completion of the Limpsfield Way and the Cycle Route

A fascinating history of the Common!

Financial Report TP

Expenses Modest

Balance carried forward: £7,636

3 NT funds discussed:

Endowment Fund: £706,202, capital sum, income used to run the common day to day

Expendable Defined Purposes Fund: £264,236 capital sum, can be used for projects eg. heathland management, £20,000 to be included in NT 23/24 budget.

Woolger Legacy: £81,220 capital sum, arising from original bequest in 1993, for the benefit of Limpsfield Common.

Request made from attendees that a clearer explanation / summary of expenditure and income be created. This was noted and will be issued to FoLC as soon as information provided by NT

National Trust Rangers Report JS

Heathland - protect, expand and improve

Ancient Woodland - (since 1600s) protect & improve
Scearn Bank - Cleaning & Managing
New Road & Happy Valley - heathland & holly clearing, seeing heather growth
Little Heath - clearing, scrapes to encourage heather growth, broken clearing
Yalden spring - dead hedging & hopeful to reinstate SSI status
Moorhouse Bank - clearing, heather growth. Scrapes planned
Chart Green - heather growth and expansion of heathland
Ancient & Veteran trees - Learning about & discovering relevant local trees
Air Raid Shelter restoration & development
Ridlands Grove - environmental improvements

National Trust General Manager of Surrey Hills, Stephanie Fudge

5000 hectares of Country side managed by Surrey Hills National Trust

Primary aims:

Managing Habitats - Climate Action, addressing the challenges faced in protecting the environment

Income Spend - Leith Hill renovation, farmhouses & barn restorations & renovations

Climate Action - reduce carbon footprint, using green energy, carbon capture. Encourage biodiversity and heathland preservation

Woodland Plans - reintroduction of native trees

AOB & Questions

Financials Report to provide increased information

Ridlands Grove **MD**

To introduce appropriate animal houses for this environment. Ones that are fitting for this ancient woodland site

Horse jumps for riders at a suitable site, requested by David Wickham, to liaise with **MD**

Tree Protection - long term views on planting & the protection of our native tree species