

## The Commons Division shared aims

<b>Protect and conserve the biodiversity and heritage of The Commons</b>	<b>Provide accessible sites that bring benefit to, and are valued by, local and wider communities who play an active part in their management</b>	<b>Develop stakeholder relationships to promote The Commons in the context of their wider landscapes, whilst seeking to balance conflicting demands</b>	<b>Embed innovative financial sustainability across our activities</b>
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## The Commons Division core values

### For the community:

- Providing welcome, safe and secure sites for people and wildlife
- At the heart of the local community
- Working with others to maximise benefit to the Commons and surrounds

### For the team:

- Outward facing, forward looking
- Ready to challenge and wherever possible mitigate environmental threat
- Maintain multifunctional staff, valued for their skills and knowledge

## Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common Priorities (Charity Reg. 232987)

- **Old pollards** - Carry out all work as outlined in the veteran tree management plan
- **Young pollards** - Survey all young pollards and review the work programme. Carry out annual programme of cutting
- **Grazing** - Continue to graze 163ha at Burnham Beeches and trial new areas, cattle graze (via contractor) & pony graze on Stoke Common
- **Heathland restoration** - Continue with work programmes on both sites, including small scale mowing to control gorse and birch and encourage a mix of heather ages
- **Countryside Stewardship** - Fulfil obligations and requirements of year 1 of Countryside Stewardship grant (both sites) including capital projects to restore heathland and wood pasture
- **Landscape scale working** - work with Heathrow Airport and local land owners to develop project and funding bid with the aim of delivering significant biodiversity enhancements around Burnham Beeches which will assist Heathrow airport expansion achieve its biodiversity net gain commitment.
- **Burnham Beeches management plan** - Produce new 10 year plan for Burnham Beeches including consultation with specialists and public.
- **Impact of development** - Continue working with South Bucks District Council and Natural England to obtain protection from development pressure through the local plan
- **East Burnham Quarry** - Monitor impacts of quarry working and liaise with operator
- **Events & social media** - Deliver the annual events programme & encourage social media
- **Car parking** - Review and update car park infrastructure

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- **Catering opportunity** - Procurement of new catering concession at Burnham Beeches.
- **Stoke Common Management Plan** - Implementation of the new 10 year Management Plan