

## Appendix 1 -Management priorities for Ashtead Common — 2017– 2018

### The Commons Division shared aims

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

### Ashtead Common Priorities (Charity Reg. 1051510)

- **Develop the ranger team** to fully resource all aspects of service delivery.
- **Vision & management planning** - continue programme to define management aims and objectives and develop plans to deliver these over the long term.
- **Survey and monitor** for veteran tree vitality and bats. Develop a long-term programme for survey and monitoring.
- **Veteran trees** - Continue with the district based approach to deliver the plan.
- **Grazing** - Introduce partnership grazing with Surrey Wildlife Trust and prepare for the introduction of invisible fencing.
- **Mowing** - increase the frequency of ride mowing to ensure firebreaks are maintained to an adequate width.
- **Bracken control** - Control bracken by mowing and pulling.
- **Tree health** - Continue surveys to check for the presence of OPM and tree disease.
- **Volunteering** - Further develop volunteer initiatives, in particular the Monday estate team, ecological monitoring volunteers and long term placements.
- **Scrub grassland** - Continue the restoration program and plan for future maintenance.