

### 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

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

- **Veteran trees** Carry out clearance & reduction work as per work programme & increase effort on squirrel control to ensure reduction in damage on old pollards
- **Young pollards** - Carry out annual programme of cutting on young pollards
- **Grazing** - Continue to graze 163ha at Burnham Beeches as well as cattle grazing via contractor & pony grazing on north and west Stoke Common
- **Heathland restoration** - Continue with work programmes on both sites. Carry out follow up work on Stoke Common including soil scraping, bracken and birch control
- **Dog control orders** - Carry out consultation to convert to PSPOs and extend there after. Continue to enforce and monitor impacts and compliance
- **Impact of development** - Continue to work with South Bucks District Council and Natural England to obtain the best protection possible from development pressure through the local plan. Liaise with other neighbouring authorities regarding their plans
- **East Burnham Quarry** - Liaise with Summerleaze Ltd over the operation of the quarry and ensure protection of Burnham Beeches from harm. Carry out associated monitoring
- **Events & social media** - Continue to work with the community to deliver the annual events programme. Expand social media activity to increase the number of people following accounts and attending events.
- **Interpretation** - Review signs and information boards on Stoke Common and plan future improvements
- **Friends of Stoke Common** - Assist work parties and recruitment drive for more volunteers. Encourage help with monitoring key species of plants and animals