




# Ashtead Common - Review of 2023-24

## Key

-  Nothing or only a little achieved
-  Partially or mostly achieved
-  100% achieved or overachieved
- Positive factor
- Negative factor



### Manage grassland

- Grassland managed according to plan



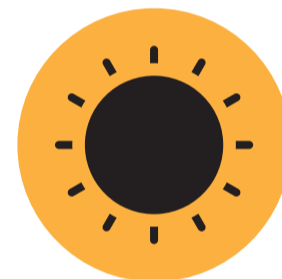
### Manage wetland

- Plan called for review of pond management regimes during 2023-24 but this was not completed



### Monitoring and research

- Additional fungi survey completed
- Saprobic invertebrate survey ranked Ashtead joint fourth in UK in Index of Ecological Continuity
- Collation of survey data not completed
- Grasshopper and cricket survey not done
- Important species map needs maintaining



### Adapt to climate change

- Early finish to cutting season
- Some reduction in green waste burnt
- Additional boundary work undertaken (firebreaks)
- No replacement of hydrocarbon powered vehicles or tools this year
- No reduction in electricity consumption



### Create a welcoming place

- Mowing paths and rides
- Maintaining gates
- Temporary signage of work areas
- Surfaced and un surfaced path networks showing deterioration
- Need for more regular ranger patrols



### Maintain a healthy, safe and secure place

- All elements completed according to plan



### Present a well maintained and clean place

- All elements completed according to plan



### Promote community involvement

- Over 6,000 hours of volunteer involvement



### Marketing and communication

- Monthly news article
- Some social media presence
- Limited capacity to do much promotion



### Provide activities and events

- Number of ranger led events above target with 16 events engaging 231 participants
- Limited presence at external events and outreach work



### Provide educational visits and work experience opportunities

- 3 schools/ 208 pupils engaged
- 4 work experience opportunities supported



### Tree safety

- All elements completed according to plan



### Conserve and protect heritage assets

- Vegetation growth on Scheduled Monuments controlled
- Coal Tax Posts maintained
- On site interpretative signage not renewed



### Estate and asset management

- Dam and drains inspected and maintained
- Infrastructure works controlled by licence
- Building and structures maintenance unsatisfactory



### Conserving the ancient oak pollards and maintaining decaying wood habitat

- All aerial work on ancient trees completed
- All halo release completed
- More decaying wood left onsite
- Root zone protection not undertaken
- New pollards created but not tagged



### Managing bracken, firebreaks and rides to improve fire resilience

- Area of bracken mown increased
- Plenty of work on firebreaks, rides and boundaries, including residential boundaries
- No strimming and raking of bracken
- Creation of new firebreaks behind schedule



### Graze Ashtead Common

- Grazed according to plan



### Manage woodland

- Hazel coppiced by Megatask and as part of halo release work
- Some work completed on transition zones and non-native/ invasive species, but more to do



### Manage scrub

- Scrub managed according to plan