

Activity	Description	Completed?
1 Veteran Tree Management (Finishing Year 2 and planning Year 3)	All trees in year 2's schedule (i.e. last winter) have been re-visited by the Senior Ranger to sign off the work. A list of 80 trees has been drawn up which contains the trees that remained uncut from this Year's work following from the cessation of climbing after the December accident. Volunteers have completed a Dead or Alive survey across the entire Common, the data from which is still being analysed.	Year 2 Complete Year 3 Planning underway Complete – awaiting analysis
2 Grazing	For the first time, Ashtead Common owns its own Sussex cattle. Six are grazing the scrub grassland lower slopes and four have been grazing Phoenix Field since early May.	Underway
3 Villa Project	The penultimate year (Year 6) of excavations will see the Villa, tile kiln and out-buildings opened by the Surrey Archaeological Society. The 3 week Dig will culminate with the series of public guided walks as part of National Heritage Weekend.	Underway
4 Scrub clearance (Woodlands)	Ranger David Wraith coordinated a project split between contractors and volunteers (including a 55-strong Megatask comprising of the Ashtead Common Volunteers, Epsom Volunteers and Lower Mole Volunteers) which saw half an acre of willow, hawthorn and blackthorn scrub cut for the Woodlands scrub grassland habitat.	Completed - some larger oaks will be felled from this area in early winter 2012 to finish project
5 Ride Management	David also coordinated a project undertaken by contractors and volunteers to continue the work to keep open Ashtead Common's network of rides, firebreaks and footpaths – cutting back upper CR1, lower BW33 and the firebreak below Phoenix Field. Any timber that was suitable for firewood was saved and stacked ready for summer extraction. Last winter the volunteers took over 300 sacks of logs from the Common as a thank you for their collective efforts.	Completed
6 Wood pasture management (bracken and scrub)	In early July rangers will undertake the annual rolling and cutting of bracken in the open areas of the Wood pasture that is yet to be included in the grazing scheme. This keeps down the bracken and helps to stop small saplings of birch to establish in areas we will want to have as pasture in the near future. Plans for birch scrub clearance are being drawn up for the winter.	Underway
7 Resurfacing hard standing	A specification is being drawn up to extend the hard standing of CR1 to allow a small turning point to facilitate future access to wood pasture areas Phoenix and Birch Fields. This specification will also include a small amount of remedial work on the new surfaced track behind Broadhurst completed last year to rectify a localised run off issue at the point where footpath 34 joins footpath 35.	Underway

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