

# **BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008**

## Path Restoration

BWAG are extremely grateful to the Royal Engineers, who completed the re-surfacing of bridlepath KH56 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 08. Unfortunately, they did not have time to complete work on the adjacent paths but thankfully, the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) department at KCC came to the rescue with funding of over £4000. This enabled private contractors to complete the project. PRoW also installed 2 metal kissing gates and 2 horse barrier gates in the area. Funding for this project came from a variety of sources including County and Borough Councillors. The total cost was £30,150.73

## Donation to BWAG

Members of the BWAG Committee were presented with a cheque for £200 from The Bell, Bredhurst on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 08. The Bell raised £6000 at their firework event, held last November. Other charities to benefit included Kent Air Ambulance Trust, British Red Cross Society and the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.

## Official Opening of Renovated Paths, 30th March 08

Over 100 people attended the official path opening ceremony, conducted by Nigel Wheeler, High Sheriff of Kent; Cllr Paul Carter, Leader of KCC and Cllr Denise Joy, Deputy Mayor of Maidstone. BWAG also received good coverage of the event on ITV Meridian News.

Following this event, the High Sheriff of Kent granted BWAG a special award for 'great and valuable service to the community' - [click here to view award](#)

## Stolen Gate

Unfortunately, following the successful event on the 30<sup>th</sup> a 12ft metal field gate was stolen overnight from an area within the woodland. This area is where BWAG hope to graze sheep, which will help to keep scrub encroachment to a minimum.

## BWAG AGM

The BWAG AGM was held on 1 April 08. It was attended by 25 members and Neil Coombs, the guest speaker from Kent Wildlife Trust, who spoke about the history of the woods from medieval times onwards. The new BWAG constitution was formally adopted and the group will now proceed with their application to become a registered charity.

## Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Adder & Reptile Survey Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - German TV Company Visit Bredhurst Woods
- 26<sup>th</sup> April - Bluebell Walk & Cream Tea
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - Spring Bird Walk
- 24<sup>th</sup> May - Visit to Loose Valley Conservation Area

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