

BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

1 April 2009

Activity in March:

- Gates recently destroyed by vandalism at Strawberry Banks / White Hill, have been replaced.
- Many dangerous / overhanging trees are being removed by KITS, a team of volunteers who are helping on a regular basis in the woodland and village.
- BWAG has been notified that KCC intends to make permanent its Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for Byway KH94. The scheme came into force on 3 December 2007 to preserve and improve Bredhurst Woods. The experimental period was for 18 months and expires in June 2009. Now the order is being made permanent, this allows the current permit system / gates at both entrances to the byway to become permanent. This is a significant achievement for BWAG as Bredhurst is only the second place nationally to adopt such a scheme.
- 20 March - Meeting with KCC and Kent Downs AONB Unit to evaluate progress to date and forward plans.
- 26 March - Attended the Kent Community Foundation awards ceremony and presented with a 'Grassroots Certificate of Merit' in recognition of the achievements of BWAG.

Forthcoming Events and Meetings:

- Monday 20 April - Path Restoration
The Royal Engineers are due to start further path restoration work. This was initially scheduled for January, but due to operational reasons, has been deferred until now.
- Sunday 5 April - 10am - 1pm. Scrub Clearance Volunteer Day
Although contractors have done much of the heavy work a volunteer day is planned to hand clear some of the smaller items.
- Saturday 25 April - 2pm. Bluebell Walk & Cream Tea
Join BWAG for its annual bluebell walk and cream tea at Arran Bank Farm. £5 in advance or £6 on the day, children under 16 free.
- Wednesday 29 April - 7pm. BWAG AGM
AGM and presentation by Neil Coombs, Kent Wildlife Trust who will give an update on the progress of the woods and future plans. Agenda will be circulated nearer the time.