

# BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

(Two Meetings Held in December)

4<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## Past Events & Meetings Attended:

- **11 November** - 12 Wiltshire Horn sheep, on loan to BWAG from Kent Wildlife Trust, arrived in Bredhurst Woods for a 3 week experimental period to graze an area which is being restored to chalk grassland. Many volunteers helped look after the sheep and KWT have confirmed that they will be happy to loan stock to BWAG in the future.
- **12 November** - Vanessa Jones met with KWT to discuss the possibility of further scrub clearance, coppicing and sources of funding.
- **14 November, Maidstone Rotary Club** - Vanessa Jones and Pam Newman gave a talk to a large audience about the work of BWAG. Further to this meeting, BWAG gratefully received a donation from the Maidstone Rotary Club of £100.
- **22 November, MBC Rural Conference** - BWAG provided a promotional stand and ran a workshop on setting up a conservation group. The event was well attended and included many Cabinet Members from MBC.
- **27 November** - Vanessa Jones met Officers from the Royal Engineers, Maidstone, to discuss further path restoration work. The REs confirmed they are able to commence work in Bredhurst Woods in January and will provide their manpower and machinery free of charge.

*BPC unanimously agreed the use of up to £4k from BWAG funds towards materials if alternative funding cannot be secured.*

## Forthcoming Events and Meetings:

- **4 December, Carols at Green Court** - Tickets on sale at £5 in advance or £6 on the night. Children under 16 free.
- **12 December** - Vanessa Jones to meet with a KWT volunteer who has offered to undertake a GPS survey of the area.

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## Past Events & Meetings Attended:

- **4 December** - The annual BWAG event attracted over 200 guests and rose over £1100. Thanks to all members who supported this event making it a great success.

- **12 December** - Meeting with KWT volunteer postponed until the New Year.
- **17 December** - BWAG awarded £4000 by the Kent Community Foundation - Grassroots Grants. This funding will go towards the cost of materials required for path restoration by the Royal Engineers who are starting work in the New Year.
- **19 December** - Vandals stole a Metal Horse Gate from the entrance to the woods at White Hill and two wooden Kissing Gates. Vehicles gained access to the woods at the gate at Scragged Oak by smashing the padlock. As a result of these actions the Police have increased patrols in the area and any vehicles found in the woods without a permit are liable to be confiscated.