

BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

5th March 2008

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)

Problems with off-road bikes and quads gaining illegal access remain a problem. The Police will increase their presence in the area throughout the week. Residents are encouraged to report all sightings of vehicles being lifted over the entrance gate to the byway/vehicles straying from the byway to the Police on 01622 690055.

Royal Engineers (Path Restoration / Fencing of Byway)

The REs have completed the re-surfacing of bridlepath KH56 and will begin work on adjacent paths. Fencing of the byway will commence shortly. KCC will be installing 2 metal kissing gates (entrance to Day Valley - junction of KH52 with KH94) and 2 Horse Barrier gates - junction of KH56/KH94 and KH94/Woodcutters Track W/C 17/3. A metal kissing gate was installed on KH9/entrance to Monkdown Wood on 19/2.

Coppicing and Scrub Clearance

The coppice contractors were due to leave the site by 26 February. This has now been put back to 27 March. Before they leave they will re-grade all the tracks they have used. Volunteers, led by KWT, erected over 350m of fencing around the scrub clearance area w/c 18/2. Sheep will be grazed on this area within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

BWAG AGM & Charity Status

The BWAG AGM will be held on 1 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members will be asked to adopt a new BWAG constitution. This will form part of our application to the Charity Commission requesting charity status for BWAG. There will be a guest speaker from Kent Wildlife Trust talking about their strong involvement with Bredhurst Woods.

Events Attended this Month

Talks given this month to Bredhurst WI, Bredhurst Garden Club and West Malling Rotary Club. These have been well received and generated new members and donations.

Forthcoming Events

- 7th March - West Kent Badger Group AGM.
- 20th March - TV crew filming in Bredhurst Woods (now postponed to 25/4)
- 30th March - High Sheriff Of Kent - Official Opening of Renovated Paths.
- 1st April - BWAG AGM.

Full details of all events can be found at www.bwag.org.uk or contact Vanessa Jones on 07813 785940 postmaster@vanessajones.plus.com