

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

4th March 2009

### Past Events & Meetings Attended:

- 16 February - Contractors working for KWT commenced further scrub clearance. KWT/BWAG has now identified more land owners who are allowing work to take place on their land.
- 17 February - BWAG members attended 'Bats on the Downs', a presentation given by the Medway Valley Partnership. They gave details of forthcoming survey work and announced that Bredhurst is to be one of 13 sites where detailed surveys will take place. There will be plenty of opportunities for BWAG members to get involved. Bredhurst Parish Council unanimously granted permission for the purchase of Bat Detectors to the value of £185.00. This funding has already been secured from KCC specifically for the purchase of this equipment.
- 22 Feb - Further vandalism in Bredhurst Woods. Three wooden gates were destroyed.
- 26 Feb - Further discussions with REs who, in addition to the scheduled work in April, may also be able to assist BWAG in September.
- 26 Feb - Meeting with PCs Cumberland, Kingwell and PCSO Baulf to examine the area of vandalism in Bredhurst Hurst.
- 27 Feb - Meeting with a BWAG Member who has volunteered her time to train other members in the use of GPS equipment which will prove invaluable in surveying work and advertising walking routes. Bredhurst Parish Council unanimously granted permission for the purchase of GPS units / software to the value of £700.00. This funding has already been secured from KCC specifically for the purchase of this equipment.
- Kent County Showground has informed BWAG that they are unable to provide free pitches for the Kent County Show. The BWAG committee felt that the expense of hiring a pitch is not justifiable and therefore, unfortunately, BWAG will not be represented at this years show.

### Forthcoming Events and Meetings:

- 8 March - Amphibian Training Event. Dr Lee Brady, Kent Amphibian & Reptile Group (KRAG) will be providing training on the ecology, habitats and survey methods for different amphibians.
- 26 April - A charity motorbike event is scheduled to go through Bredhurst on Sunday 26 April between 9am - 5pm. It has been organised by a legitimate off-road organisation and authorisation has been granted by Kent Police and KCC. They will be travelling on Byway KH94 between Bredhurst and Detling.