

BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

1st October 2008

Kent Village of the Year

Bredhurst has won 'Kent Village of the Year' (Environmental Category) thanks to the hard work of the Bredhurst Woodland Action Group. Competition judges commented that the work of BWAG was of national significance in terms of environmental achievements and was the best environmental project they had ever encountered. A cheque for £250.00 was accepted. [Click here for Kent Messenger article](#)

Events and meetings held since the last report to the Parish Council in September include:

Brush Cutter Training Day, 14th September

BWAG members joined other residents on a one day course arranged by BPC, to learn the safety and practical aspects of using an industrial strimmer. With a trained team of volunteers in place, it is hoped that this will reduce future Parish grass cutting bills.

Bearsted Woodland Trust AGM, 25th September

This was attended by BWAG Members. The two groups have strong links and both groups support each others activities, working together and sharing good practice.

Volunteer Day, 28th September

Due to repeated vandalism, it was decided to temporarily delay the introduction of sheep, needed to graze an area of grassland in Bredhurst Woods. A volunteer day was arranged to cut the overgrown vegetation by hand. This was well attended by 18 BWAG members, who made an incredible difference to the appearance of the field. This was a great success and more volunteer days will be planned.

Forthcoming Meetings/Events

Fungi Walk, 12th October

Tricia Moxey of the Association of British Fungi Groups (ABFG) will be leading a walk through Bredhurst Woods to discover the many varieties of Fungi present.

BWAG members and non-members welcome.

Guided Tour of Walderslade Woods, 26th October

BWAG Members are invited to attend a guided walk of Walderslade Woods, led by Nigel Osborn, of the Walderslade Woods Group (WWG). The area has many different types of habitat with many public footpaths to explore the area.