

# Bredhurst Woodland Action Group Newsletter — Spring 2006

## Bredhurst The problems...



Welcome to our Spring newsletter. It is our aim to keep you informed and updated of developments within Bredhurst Hurst and Monkdown Wood. Bredhurst Woodland Action Group was set up just over a year ago to tackle the problems of off road vehicles and bikes tearing up and abusing our 600 acres of woodland. Also, as you can see this area is popular for fly tippers. Our prime aim is to protect rare species of plants and animals that live in these woods. We need to work together to safeguard our woodland for the future.

## Woodland Off-road damage...



### **A Walkers Nightmare!!**

4x4's, quads and motorbikes are legally allowed to be on the byway that runs through our woodland. Unfortunately many do not stick to this route and trespass onto private land creating unauthorised tracks and destroying footpaths. Our aim is to restore these paths to their natural state.

### **Fly Tipping Clearance Day Huge Success!**

On 19th April some 70 people turned out for the Fly Tipping Clearance Day. These included villagers, landowners and workers from MBC. All in all 100 tons of rubbish was removed. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg and there is still more to be cleared. Further clearance days will be announced shortly...

## Action 100 tons of rubbish ...



## Group

### **A community effort...**



We would like to thank all our supporters for their tremendous efforts in helping us get this far. With the help of the Mid Kent Downs Project and landowners, we have spent approx £15,000 on fencing along Hurstwood Road and Day Valley; installed 6 kissing gates and have a Woodland Management Plan being written for us by Kent Wildlife Trust. KWT have also visited Bredhurst School and taken the pupils on a nature walk, giving them ideas for an art competition that BWAG is running. But we have much more work to do, including renovation of paths and signage of the area to make it a more enjoyable place to visit. Please help us, we need your support to make it happen.

### **Forthcoming Event !!**

**The Bredhurst Woodland Weekend  
27/28 May 2006—2 Days of Woodland Activities!!!!**



## Bredhurst Woodland Action Group - Membership

We hope you agree with us that this is an exciting project and that you are interested in becoming a member of the Bredhurst Woodland Action Group.

As members you will receive regular newsletters, invitations to attend meetings and special events - bird and bat walks are planned!! As the project progresses we hope that there will also be a sense of personal involvement, satisfaction and pride in our countryside.

The Group is a sub-committee of Bredhurst Parish Council (BPC) and all funds raised are held in a separate BPC bank account to ensure it's all spent on woodland related activities. At the moment there are about 15 of us within the village working hard on this project, but we would dearly love more help. Whether you would like to help financially or have some practical skills that you can offer, either or both would be much appreciated.

To join the Bredhurst Woodland Action Group please complete the details below and send it to our Parish Clerk. Mrs Melanie Fooks, Bredhurst Parish Council, Camellia, Dunn Street Road, Bredhurst, Kent ME7 3NB. (Cheques should be made payable to Bredhurst Parish Council).



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### Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick annual membership required:

Individual membership: £10

Concessions (OAP, Student): £5

Household: £15

**\*Corporate: £50 (see below for full details)**

Additional donation of £..... enclosed

**BWAG is offering Corporate members inclusion on all Newsletters, informing our readers that you are supporting us. Please state the name and details you would like included.**

**Finally, thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter, we hope you have found it informative and look forward to welcoming you as members very shortly.**

For further information please Email: Vanessa Jones, Vice Chairman, Bredhurst Parish Council & BWAG at [postmaster@vanessajones.plus.com](mailto:postmaster@vanessajones.plus.com)

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