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Hurst Meadows Working Group Meeting

6th November 2025

Minutes

1. Lost Woods update

- a. Site meeting was held with Woodland Trust and AIRS and a plan has been proposed by Matt at Woodland Trust.
- b. It was agreed to propose these plans to FGE, this will include thinning to increase light in Tilley's, removing some larger sycamores and haloing around two mature oaks. Coppicing is not essential at this time but could be done with volunteers. The thinning jobs are to be done first before coppicing. The Woodland Trust will pay for it all. We would like them to run a coppicing training session with our volunteers.
- c. Brambles would be left, as they manage themselves, trees grow, less light, less brambles, bulbs come up basically a natural cycle.
- d. It is agreed to allow Lost Woods to go ahead with the tree thinning and haloing and to ask for a session of coppicing to train volunteers.
- e. Dead hedging to be made using wood from the works to prevent or discourage invasive paths.
- f. We must keep the public aware of everything going on, website and FB
- g. Recommendation to go ahead with the above to go to FGE meeting in November 2025.
- h. Green waste dumping, SW is to create signs to be put up in Tilley's Copse and Wilderness Wood.

2. Proposed new member

- a. Rebecca Rees is proposed to join the group; she is very knowledgeable about wildlife and the countryside and will be a proactive and positive member.
- b. In addition, it would be good to have the extra person, to help us with volunteer sessions.
- c. CM will invite Rebecca to the next meeting.
- d. It is felt that Chris (work experience student) would be a good additional member, once he has finished college if he is still interested or to be invited on holidays from college.

3. Grant search fees

- a. £225 fee is required to see if RPA can give us funding and look into other funding. SW to seek approval to proceed. Funding is to come from 'Grace' filming money or professional advice budget.



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4. Grounds Maintenance and future works

- a. The Millennium Garden works have been programmed in for next budget year.
- b. Fencing works in Hurst Meadows and St George's Green have been programmed in.
- c. Greenscene have completed the Orchard works for this year.

5. Any Other Business

- a. Wassailing is planned again for this year on 10th January 2026.
- b. We will need to keep an eye on the Meadows next year to see if we need to cut - particularly Buckwilly - every year, which could also save money.
- c. SW is to email WSCC to say we will be removing the tree guards along the cycleway that have been blown off to prevent them from being blown away. Allan is happy to help and leave them by Brown Twins end.
- d. SW - Add padlock to ladies walk gate.
- e. Moving forward we would like to look into an expert coming to give advice on possible scrapes for Edgerley Meadow.
- f. PROW works in Tilley's Copse are completed, SW to use coppiced material to create a wicker bank protection.
- g. Volunteer gloves to be collected next week.
- h. In the event of proposed development of land North of Fifteen Acre, it is advised to see if any land could be given to the council to protect as an extension to Hurst Meadows.
- i. First aid kit still needed, SW to get organised.