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Hurst Meadows Working Group Meeting

7th May 2026

Attendees: Cllr Claire Majasai (CM), Allan Brown (AB) and Stephen Witchell (SW) Dr Georgina Judd (GJ).

Apologies: Cllr Malcolm Llewellyn and Rebecca Rees.

Minutes

*Walk around meeting on site.

1. Community Action Day Works (CAD)

- a. The CAD works will take place on the 26th June 2026 with Hurst College.
- b. AB is happy to help on the day, and SW is to send the details over once confirmed.
- c. GJ pointed out that this is not an ideal time to take down a dead hedge so it will need to be done with care for any possible nesting small mammals/birds

2. House Martin Mud

- a. SW is to investigate finding a local builder that will be able to provide mud and locate somewhere to place the mud.
- b. AB is asked to monitor the nearby stream to see if the house martins are collecting mud from this location.

3. Any Other Business

- a. SW is to chase the Cycleway handover.
- b. Greenscene Landscapes has been approved to cut the cycleway verges, twice per year at the same time as the PROW cuts. Any tidying the 15 Acre side of the path before the autumn needs to be done with care and avoiding cutting into bramble bushes where it is likely whitethroats/robins etc are nesting.
- c. GJ suggested speaking to the Lost Oods team to see if they can advise on the amount of Laurel to be cut back in the Millennium Garden.
- d. SW and CM are to arrange a sat down meeting to discuss the Management plan updates asap.
- e. SW is to chase up the Maintenance officer to get the Skylark signs up on Friday 8th May, as some dog walkers are still allowing their dogs to run loose through the habitat areas.
- f. Leaving The Wilderness undisturbed is very much benefitting wildlife. For example RR has reported numerous sightings of goshawks flying in and out of the woodland (they are likely nesting) as well as peregrines. It is likely that we also have rare lesser spotted woodpeckers in there.