

# Land Management Report

Report for the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission  
July – October 2022

## Fire Risk Assessment:

- We have developed a fire risk assessment and are in discussion with the fire brigade to refine the plan so it includes as much relevant detail as possible to aid the fire brigade if there ever were a wildfire. This includes cutting some additional fire breaks on the periphery of the common.

## Car Park Potholes

- A contractor has been lined up to fill the potholes which have formed around the control tower car park. They will especially focus on the holes that have formed as you immediately enter the car park.

## Tree Safety

- The bulk of the tree safety work around the common excluding ash dieback is out for tender with several of our regular contractors.
- Further ash dieback works have been highlighted by our surveys, especially along Bury's Bank Road. This will be rolled into a contract for next winter.
- We are currently in discussion with neighbours at Bishop's Green about a stretch of ash trees on a part of the common running between two properties

## Crookham Pools

- Contractors have started work on a large area of scrub clearance in the centre of Crookham Pools. This will remove a block of over 2.5ha of birch, willow and gorse scrub from the centre of the pools exposing the regenerating heath and grassland. This will also remove trees which can be used as perches for predators such as corvids.

## Training

- Several of our regular volunteers attended a course to allow them to carry out stump treatment when we cut scrub

- Staff attended clearing saw training which will provide a useful additional management option.

### **Volunteers**

- As we have come into autumn, the team have started work on cutting some additional fire breaks around the common as part of our fire risk assessment.
- The Field Team have carried out various gate and fence repairs around the perimeter of the Common.
- The volunteer group had a session clearing scrub in the gully near Goldfinch Bottom.
- Several of the green barriers have been repainted.
- The groups have a busy winter of scrub cutting on the heaths lined up.

### **Wardens and Ground Nesting Birds**

- The Seasonal Wardens successfully finished the season and completed their report. The report has been provided to the Commission separately.
- Adrian Hickman completed the ground nesting bird survey and is currently compiling the full report. See the next page for a table of results from 2009-2022. The provisional nightjar results were provided in the land management report last quarter, with the final results still being processed.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lapwing	4	13	11	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	3?	4-5	3-4
Little Ringed Plover	6	7	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	3-4	3-4
Ringed Plover	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redshank	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodlark	10	10	13	13	13	15	15	16	15	12	11	12	16
Skylark	32	31	26	22	19	14	14	14	13	9	9	6	2
Dartford Warbler	5	8	8	9	6	13	14	13	3	3	6-7	11	16
Nightingale	9	6	9	8	4	9	8	9	6	9	9	5	9
Stonechat	5	7	14	16	10	17	18	22	16	27	30?	30	36
Meadow Pipit	23	18	18	18	20	16	13	22	17	11	7+	27	30
Tree Pipit	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Linnet	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	56	52	-	58	50
Reed Bunting	/	/	/	/	/	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
Yellowhammer	/	/	/	/	/	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Greenham and Crookham Common 'targeted species' survey results from 2009-2022. Note that figures for 2022 are provisional and may be subject to change after final analysis of data.