

1. Land Management Action Plan: October 2015 – October 2016

Location	Management Prescription	Action	By Whom	When	Priority	Achieved (Y/N) Date Carried out
Rifle Range, north and south banks	Restore and maintain diverse chalk grassland sward by scrub control and grazing	1. Continue programme of cattle grazing. No supplementary feed.	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters	All year/ as agreed	High (DB)	
		2. Continue selective removal of scrub blocks on northern slope, eastern end to create larger area of habitat suitable for Adonis Blue and Silver Spotted Skipper butterflies.	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High (DB)	
		3. Plateau strip above the northern slope and northern slope – graze intensively by dividing into 2 compartments with electric fence (rope). Avoid crossing paths. Connect water bowser	Tom/Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	High (DB)	
		4. Monitor southern scrub edge and cut back central <i>Bullace</i> section and eastern section for Brown Hairstreak	Conservation/Vols	Feb/March	High	
		5. Cut back triangle area northern slope western end	Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		6. Southern slope continue selective scrub clearance and Ash sapling removal, with herbicide treatment over 1/2". Keep larger scrub islands, clearing scrub encroachment (see photo, attached). Minimise number of bonfire sites, re-using past sites where possible. Cut back scrub edge along southern fenceline about 1m	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High (DB)	

		7. Cut blackthorn adjacent to kissing gate from allotment path on 4 year rotation	Conservation Vols	Autum/ Winter	High	
		8. Reduce Ragwort by hand-pulling, bagging and removing plants	SDS Conservation Volunteers/Family Day	July 2016	Medium	
		9. Cut back vegetation around WI scout hedge as required	Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		10. Clear brambles from Orchid Bank and along fenceline	Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	High	
		11. Continue rotational cutting of Brown Hairstreak Reserve on 4 year rotation and keep paths open. Leave outlying blackthorn	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/W inter	High	
Bottom of Rifle Range	Enhance floral diversity	1. Sow collected Yellow Rattle seed to promote plant establishment. 2. Collect wildflower seed	Conservation Vols Family Day	Autumn 2015 July 2016	Medium Medium	
South Bank	Maintain access	Keep path clear only	SGS groups (Christine/Dave)	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
Rifle Range Target Workings	Enhance floral diversity	1. Remove litter 2. Clear semi-circular area around target mechanism to reveal and to let light in. Burn arisings, minimise fire sites	Conservation Vols SGS Groups/ Contractor	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
Steyning Coombe	Restoration of chalk grassland through scrub clearance	1. Continue programme of cattle grazing in conjunction with Dukes project.	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters/Tom Parry	All year. 4/5 cattle	High (DB)	
		2. Strip running east west between main track and northern fence. Maintain. Clear areas ready for plug planting Plant with <i>Primula</i> plugs	SDS Conservation Volunteers/ Family days/Primula growers	Autumn/ Winter Autumn 2016	High (DB)	
		3. Central Zone - removal of scrub and 'lollipops' to create mixed age structure. Cut	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High (DB)	

		through large clump. Leave trees and shrubs or importance e.g. the whitebeam and juniper. Treat stumps and minimise bonfire sites.				
		4. Downslope, eastern half (not SE corner). Divide into 4/5 patches and cut on rotation. Treat stumps	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/winter	High (DB)	
		5. Cut back tree line from fence line on north side of the Coombe, back to path, scalloped to create graded, scrubby edge. Ensure cut stumps are treated. Minimise fire sites.	School Groups	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
		6. Cut back trees from the Viewpoint Compartment and treat stumps. 7. New Compartment – reduce scrub and ash. Stump treat.	Contractor/SDS Conservation Volunteers (extra care due to gradient)	Autumn/Winter	High (DB)	
		8. SW area line from Juniper area to tree. Planting of <i>Primula</i> plugs	SDS Conservation Volunteers/Family day	Autumn/Winter	High (DB)	
	Restoration of relict Juniper population	8. Strim/Cut back scrub and coarse grassland (avoiding Juniper seedlings) from Juniper enclosure annually	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
		9. Create scrapes of exposed chalky subsoil inside Juniper enclosure, to encourage natural regeneration	Conservation Vols	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
		10. Rabbit control (ferreting) to aid on-site seed dispersal and regeneration	Tom / SDNPA	Winter	High	
5i Chalk pit south of Pepperscombe	Continue grazing regime and undertake survey	1. Remove trees	Conservation Vols	Autumn/winter	High (DB)	
		2. Introduce cattle/sheep grazing	Tom Parry	When possible	High (DB)	

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		3. Eastern slope thin scrub and bring blackthorn into rotation	Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	Low (DB)	
		4. Alert HDC highways on 01403 733144 when there is fly tipping on side of road, and they will pick up	MT	Ongoing	Medium	
		5. Fixed photography / video to be used to map existing scrub	Pete Varkala	Year round	High	
Pepperscombe	Continue grazing regime and undertake surveys	1. Continue cattle grazing with compartments. (Possibly add sheep)	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters	Year round	High (DB)	
		2. Fixed photography / video to be used to map existing scrub as basis for control /clearance/monitoring	Pete V	Year round	High (DB)	
		3. Include in botanical survey programme	Petra/survey team	Summer	Medium	
Secret Garden	Control scrub	1. Rotational 3 year cycle of scrub control on Area 2 west end, followed by planting of <i>Primula</i> plugs.	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High (DB)	
		2. Continue Removal of taller trees from southern hedgeline. Ensure prompt removal of timber. Care to clear around Juniper. Burn arisings, minimise burn sites	Contractor/ SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	Medium (DB)	
Big Picnic Field	Maintain	1. Annual topping immediately prior to Big Picnic. Bale if possible. Leave 1-2m edge uncut. 2. Graze as required to rest other areas	Matthew	Late summer Ongoing	High	
		3. New noticeboard	Matthew /Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High	
Mountain bike track	Manage to balance conservation,	1. Review to ensure addresses concerns by Trustees and Insurers and site users	Matthew/Steering Group	Ongoing	High	

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	horse rider, and walking needs					
Horseshoe	Enhance public access		Conservation vols		Low	
Footpaths	Enhance health and safety.	Remove iron spikes from old fenceline adjacent to The Beechers	SDS / Toby	Ongoing	High	
Nightingale Lane	Conserve disease resistant Elms	Check to see if clearance needed round elms	Conservation Vols	Autumn / Winter	Medium	
		Put in dead hedge of blackthorn and possibly follow up with planting blackthorn/hawthorn hedge along the length by the walnut tree where the fence has been cut	Conservation Vols	Autumn / Winter	Medium	
		Plant black poplars	Conservation Vols	Autumn / Winter	Medium	
Juniper Bank, Bostal Road	Conserve Juniper	1. Monitor Juniper seedlings	Matthew / Conservation Volunteers?	Ongoing	Medium	
		2. Clear around overgrown trees	Conservation Vols	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
Upper Pond	Promote aquatic life	Draw up plan by Spring 2016	Conservation Sub-Group/Pond group	Autumn / winter	High	
Lower Pond	Promote aquatic life	Clear overhanging willow/rotational scrub clearance	Conservation vols	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
Flint Barn	Keep clear of rubbish	1. Litter pick around log circle	SDS Conservation Volunteers	ongoing	High	

Query on notes in orange as not discussed at meeting