

1. Land Management Action Plan: October 2017 – October 2018

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. Compartments where possible.	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters	All year/ as agreed	High	
		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. Clear in between large clumps.	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High	
		3. Form compartment to include plateau strip and north slope	Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	High	
		4. Monitor southern scrub edge mow edge to form scallops	Conservation Vols		High	
		5. Cut back triangle area northern slope western end	Conservation Vols		High	
		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	

		7. Cut blackthorn adjacent to kissing gate from allotment path on 4 year rotation	Conservation vols	Autum/ Winter	High	
		8. Reduce Ragwort as required by hand-pulling, bagging and removing plants	SDS Conservation Volunteers/Family Day	None required 2017	Low	
		9. Cut back vegetation around WI scout hedge as required	Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		10. Clear brambles from Orchid Bank and along fenceline and upslope, treat sycamores and ash	Conservation Vols	Autumn/ Winter	High	
		11. Brown Hairstreak Reserve. Consult with Neil Hulme re rotational cut	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/Winter	High	
Bottom of Rifle Range	Enhance floral diversity	Monitor. Include in Botany Survey	Conservation Sub-group Botany Surveyors		Medium	
South Bank	Maintain access	1.Keep vehicles to lower track and to south side on top of slope	All vehicles	Permanent	High	
		2. Keep allotment path open	SGS groups (Christine/Dave)	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
Rifle Range Target Workings	Enhance floral diversity	1. Remove litter	Conservation Vols SGS Groups/ Justin/Tom/Volunters	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		2. Continue to clear semi-circular area around target mechanism to reveal and to let light in. Burn arisings, minimise fire sites. Remove timber.				
Steyning Coombe	Restoration of chalk grassland through scrub clearance	3. Renovation of Targets			Low	
		1. Continue programme of cattle grazing in conjunction with Dukes project.	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters/Tom Parry	Year round	High	
		2. Strip running east west between main track and northern fence. Monitor primroses and cowslips, clear as required to maintain DOB habitat.	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High	

		3. Central Zone - removal of scrub and 'lollipops' to create mixed age structure. Cut through large clump. Leave trees and shrubs of importance e.g. the whitebeam and juniper. Treat stumps and minimise bonfire sites. Prioritise keeping lower vegetation cut before moving to taller, denser patches.	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	High	
		4. Downslope, eastern half (not SE corner). Divide into 4/5 patches and cut on rotation. Treat stumps	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/winter	Medium	
		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.	SGS School Groups	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		6. Cut back trees from the Viewpoint Compartment and treat stumps.	Con vols/ TP	Autumn/ Winter	Medium	
		7. New Compartment – reduce scrub and ash. Stump treat.	Conservation Volunteers (extra care due to gradient)	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
	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	
5i Chalk pit south of Pepperscombe	Restore and maintain diverse chalk grassland sward by scrub	1. Introduce cattle/sheep grazing	Tom Parry	ASAP	High	
		2. Eastern slope thin scrub and bring blackthorn into rotation	Conservation vols	Autumn/winter	Medium	

	control and grazing	3. Alert HDC highways on 01403 733144 when there is fly tipping on side of road, and they will pick up	MT	Ongoing	Medium	
		4.Fixed photography / video to be used to map existing scrub	MT to liaise with Gail Wilson and PV	Twice a year	High	
Pepperscoombe	Continue grazing regime and undertake surveys	1. Continue cattle grazing with two compartments on rotation Monitor fence and repair as required.	Frances Sedgewick and Dexters Con vols/TP	Ongoing	High	
		2. Scrub clearance	Contractor/TP	Autumn/Winter	Medium	
		3. Fixed photography / video to be used to map existing scrub as basis for control /clearance/monitoring	MT/PV/GW	Twice a year	High	
		4. Include in botanical survey programme with Secret Garden	Petra/survey team	Summer	Medium	
Secret Garden	Control scrub through grazing and cutting	1. Start grazing as part of Pepperscoombe	Francis and Dexters	Ongoing	High	
		2. Rotational 3 year cycle of scrub control depending on grazing, with extra cut of dogwood in May. Monitor primroses and cowslips	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter/May 2018	High	
		3. Continue Removal of taller trees from southern hedgeline. Ensure prompt removal of timber. Care to clear around Juniper. Burn arisings, minimise burn sites. Clear away logs	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Autumn/ Winter	Low High	
Big Picnic Field	Maintain	1. Annual topping immediately prior to Big Picnic. Bale if possible. Leave 1-2m edge uncut.	Matthew	Late summer	High	
		2. Carry out actions from adder plan	Conservation Sub-group	Ongoing	High	
		3. Graze as required to rest other areas				
Mountain bike track	Manage to balance conservation, horse rider,	1. Review to ensure addresses concerns by Trustees and Insurers and site users	Matthew/Steering Group	Ongoing	High	

	and walking needs					
Horseshoe	Enhance public access	Clear Lower paths as required and prior to Steyning Stinger	Conservation vols/ Path Group/ SAC	Ongoing	Low	
Footpaths	Enhance health and safety.	Remove iron spikes from old fenceline adjacent to The Beechers	Toby (PB to remind)	Ongoing	High	
Nightingale Lane	Conserve disease resistant Elms	Monitor Elms and Black Poplars for clearance and support	Conservation Vols	Autumn / Winter	Medium	
		Put in dead hedging of blackthorn and where possible to control access	Conservation Vols	Autumn / Winter	Low	
Juniper Bank, Bostal Road	Conserve Juniper	1. Monitor Juniper seedlings	Matthew / Conservation Volunteers	Ongoing	Medium	
		2. Clear around overgrown trees – steep slope and road, extra care	Conservation Vols	Autumn/Winter	High	
Upper Pond	Promote aquatic life	Seek cause of leek and remedy. Liaise with Pond Group	Conservation Sub-Group/Pond group	Autumn / winter	High	
Lower Pond	Promote aquatic life	Clear overhanging willow/rotational scrub clearance as required.	Conservation vols	Autumn/Winter	Low	
Flint Barn	Keep clear of rubbish	Litter pick around log circle	SDS Conservation Volunteers	Ongoing	High	
All of site	Enhance interpretation	Keep signage up to date Maintain signs/damage	MT Richard Coatsworth	Ongoing	High	