

## **Linder's Field. Past Management.**

### **2004 - 2005**

Staff organised three volunteer days at which 45 staff hours and 202 hours of volunteer time were given. These projects involved both the regular Countrycare Group and the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckhurst Hill Guides.

The following was undertaken:

- In June, volunteers and staff cut a third of the grassland and contractors cut the rest. In October, contractors cut the entire field for a second time (1.39h).
- Clearing the site's pathways and main alleyway.
- Repairing a 30m section of the woodland path.
- Planting a new tree at the main entrance.
- Installing a site notice board and bench.
- Thinning regenerating oaks by the main path.
- Clearing bramble from the bluebell area in Pluckett's Wood.
- Felling a dangerous hornbeam tree (Contractors).

### **2005 - 2006**

Over this year, six volunteer days were organised involving the regular Countrycare volunteer group, the "Roots" volunteers and the 4th Epping Elm Cub pack. A total of 82.5 staff hours, 273 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of contractor time were given to the LNR.

The following was undertaken:

- Half of the grassland was cut (0.7h). Scrub was cut on the northern field boundary beside the "old" garden and the footpath that runs through it. Contractors felled two Oak trees in Pluckett's Wood and volunteers cleared blackthorn and bramble. Woodland area managed: 0.1h.
- A new 30m section of hedgerow was planted beside the fence on the LNR's eastern boundary.
- The main pond was cleared of excess pond vegetation.
- Repair of 30m of pathway in the woodland and clearance of bramble and thorn bushes around the Powell Road entrance.
- Repaired viewing platform beside pond.

### **2006 – 2007**

In total 239 staff hours, six contractor hours, 722.5 volunteer hours and 18 children hours were dedicated to the LNR.

The following was achieved over 10 project days:

- Resurfaced 75m of the alleyway entrance from Powell Road with volunteers from the Scout Association in partnership with the Epping Forest Centenary Trust. Constructed a new 30m section of pathway from the bottom of the alleyway into the reserve.
- Staff and volunteers cut and raked 0.3 h of the field.
- Began construction of new post and rail fencing down the main entranceway from Roebuck Lane and planted 300 holly trees.
- Cleared pathway through the "old garden" from Powell Road entrance.
- Contractors spent 15 hours on safety maintenance to the footpath through Pluckett's Wood.
- Essex Wildlife Trust cut the whole field with a forage harvester (10.11.06).
- Repaired boardwalk and attached non-slip mesh.

### **2007 - 2008**

Staff organised four volunteer days involving a range of groups from the regular Countrycare volunteer group through students from Capel Manor College. In total 43 staff hours and 292 volunteer hours have been dedicated to the LNR.

The following work was undertaken:

- October 2007 – Construction of 25 metres of post and rail fencing beside the main entrance.
- November 2007 – Cleared the bluebell area in Little Pluckett's Wood of bramble and installed 3m of fencing beside the entranceway. Planted 30m of hedgerow on the eastern boundary.