



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Dear Member

Horsell Common Preservation Society is pleased to invite you to the 2025 Annual General Meeting. This is your opportunity to meet the Trustees and other members of the Society and to hear what we have achieved in the last 12 months.

Attached is the formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at "Goldwater Lodge" Goldsworth Park Woking GU21 3RT @ 7:30pm

All other documents including the accounts and previous year's minutes can be found on our website. If you require hard copies then please email us on accounts@horsellcommon.org.uk

Once the formal business has been concluded there will be a short informative talk.

It has been another exciting year for the Society with our continued pro-active management of the Common

The involvement and enthusiasm of the weekly volunteers cannot be underestimated. Tasks this year included removing pine and birch saplings from heather areas, bracken pulling, removing non-native plants such as Himalayan balsam, cherry laurel and rhododendron, litter picking and making bird/bat boxes. Volunteers also removed redundant deer fencing in McLaren Park and helped construct dead hedging along the Bourne in Mimbridge Meadow.

Work has continued with woodland management as part of our stewardship agreement. Expert volunteers have continued to help with butterfly transects (monitoring). HCPS has been working with the Butterfly Conservation Trust. The background work was started in 2023 and data collection is ongoing to build up a fuller picture of how various species are doing on the Common. Insect surveys were also carried out in the Sand Pit and at Bourne Fields.

There is continuous Riverbank revetment work, pathway improvements and new footpaths in the Bourne Fields at Heather Farm.

To continue our work helping to educate and inform, four heathland information boards have been designed and placed at strategic points on Horsell Common.

To aid the heathland management, mowing was carried out to produce patches of heather with a more diverse age range. Some patches of dense gorse have been removed. HCPS now employs an outside contractor to empty the many dog bins on the Common and at Heather Farm.

Works at Heather Farm

The extension to the café at Heather Farm was completed in record time and on budget thanks to the support and determination of Ron Neale.

At the same time the wastewater system at Heather Farm was upgraded with a Klargester system to replace the poorly functioning reed bed system.

Charitable objectives

At the AGM in October 2024, the membership approved an amendment to the Articles which was subsequently approved by the Charity Commission. This allowed the Society to

use its extensive resources to support other charities in the area. This started with work with Surrey Choices in 2024 with more work on this in the coming year.

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Kind regards

Janette Dalgliesh (Secretary)