

**CREMER'S MEADOW MAINTENANCE PLAN
JANUARY 2024 – DECEMBER 2024**

Please note that there will be 3 further plans produced this year relating to Cremer's management and development;

- 5 year overall development plan
- Pond development plan
- Woodland and Meadow development plan

- Black text is for ongoing tasks. Red text denotes specific or one off tasks.

Month	Job to be done
January	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut brambles to allow the cutting of bamboo. 2. Buddleia cut and clear. 3. Carry out tree maintenance as required. 4. Cut snowberry and bamboo. 5. Confirm with Bure Valley the Cut and Clear Day date for 2024. 6. Audit resources required for the year and order as necessary. 7. Review trees at north east side of pond and determine actions to cut/fell as necessary to let more light in.
February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut down ivy on trees as necessary. 2. Cut brambles to allow the cutting of bamboo. 3. Buddleia – cut and clear 4. Carry out tree maintenance as required. 5. Remove some small trees at top of pond where overcrowded – small willow stump cuttings/silver birch following the review in January. 6. Clear out bird boxes. 7. Reinstate information board at south of site. 8. Agree and mark areas of riverbank on north and east side. Strim back 1/3 of nettles, grass, other vegetation etc (rotate each year). Strim/scythe bankside, grass and herb vegetation. Cut to 10cm height. Inform Garden Guardian 9. Hold Planning Meeting. 10. Agree timescale for the production of the Pond Development Plan
March	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut back willow and scrub near the pond to prevent it encroaching too far into the fen 2. Remove willows and saplings at south end of site (rubble area). Paint stumps with herbicide. 3. Monitor weir and sluice 4. Cut back growth around footpaths 5. Monitor and remove Red-osier Dogwood, Stag's-horn Sumach, Bamboo, Cherry Laurel, Himalayan Balsam(not seen for a few

	years) and Japanese Knotweed (ongoing work throughout year.) 6. Bird surveys 7. Hold extra working day with AVIVA volunteers on Friday 8 th March. – Moving branches, building henge, Buddleia cutting, bamboo roots removal, tidying current henges etc 8. Confirm date of Open Day 9. Build 1 enclosure for cuttings 10. Renovate Information Centre 11. Write and agree 5 year Woodland and Meadow Development plan in conjunction with Biodiversity Working Group. (3 months) 12. Write and agree 5 year site Development Plan in conjunction with Biodiversity Working Group. (3 months)
April	1. Cut back growth around footpaths. 2. Check sluice and remove vegetation as necessary 3. Make conservation cuts as required and use cuttings to provide habitats where possible 4. Check log edging to areas of site and replace as necessary 5. Remove fallen wood from pond 6. Bird surveys 7. Plan for Open Day 8. Renovate Information Centre
May	1. Treat Japanese Knotweed if observed 2. Monitor and remove Red-osier Dogwood, Stag's-horn Sumach, Bamboo, Cherry Laurel, Himalayan Balsam(not seen for a few years) and Japanese Knotweed (ongoing work throughout year.) 3. Cut back growth around footpaths 4. Dig up or take off heads of docks 5. Water saplings if required. 6. Plan for Cut and Clear Day 7. Review Risk Assessment for visitors to site 8. Advertise Open day 9. Planning meeting 10. Consider 3 new 5 year plans (Overall, Pond, Woodland and Meadow) and adopt if agreed.
June	1. Dig up or take off heads of docks 2. Mark protected plants on site. 3. Water saplings if required. 4. Varnish notice boards if required. 5. Count orchids 6. Hold Open Day
July	1. Monitor and remove Red-osier Dogwood, Stag's-horn Sumach, Bamboo, Cherry Laurel, Himalayan Balsam(not seen for a few

	years) and Japanese Knotweed (ongoing work throughout year.) 2. Dig up or take off heads of docks 3. Water saplings if required. 4. Confirm with Co-op that they will provide refreshments for Cut and Clear Day 5. Agree cutting plan with Bure Valley/BADCOG following new Woodland and Meadow Plan 6. Review all Risk Assessments relating to the site
August	1. Cut overgrowing plants by weir. 2. Scythe and clear the barn and bee orchid areas. 3. Cut back growth around footpaths. 4. Water saplings if required. 5. Scythe and clear the barn and bee orchid areas. 6. Scythe the rubble area with Dutch blade.
September	1. Clear watercourse as required (minor works). 2. Water saplings if required. 3. Carry out tree maintenance as required 4. Monitor and remove Red-osier Dogwood, Stag's-horn Sumach, Bamboo, Cherry Laurel, Himalayan Balsam(not seen for a few years) and Japanese Knotweed (ongoing work throughout year.) 5. Survey mature trees on the site with Tree Warden. These can be left unmanaged except where they may cause a potential dangers to users of the site or display signs of disease. Light pruning to take place to remove branches that cause obstruction. Prior to remedial or removal work consult a competent tree surgeon for advice 6. Mow Meadow following the Woodland and Meadow Plan. Clear all the cuttings to areas away from the main water meadow (Cut and Clear Day)
October	1. Buddleia cut and clear 2. Cut back growth around footpaths 3. Carry out tree maintenance as required 4. Cut overgrowing plants by weir 5. Carry out tree maintenance as required 6. Scythe the Triangle area (semi-improved neutral grassland) 7. Planning meeting
November	1. Remove or cut willows and saplings and paint stumps with herbicide. 2. Doctor trees as required. 3. Buddleia cut and clear 4. Carry out tree maintenance as required 5. Review this plan and write draft plan for 2025
December	1. Remove or cut willows and saplings and paint stumps with herbicide.

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