

Brundall Parish Council Land Management reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group: Cremer's Meadow. July 2024

Highlights for sharing

The Orchid Day/Open Day was held on 22nd June. This was a successful occasion with a cake cut by Shirley Cremer to celebrate 10 years of PC ownership.

The Information Centre (hut) base has been repaired by Richard and his gang. Huge thanks to them for completing this difficult and arduous work. There is still work to do to enable it to be opened fully including new doors etc. It is possible that the work on the hut will need to be by external contractors. The Friends will consider this and bring back info regarding costs to the next LM meeting.

The bridge should be completed and the site opened to the public by the time of the LM meeting. There have been delays to this and it extended the closure of the site significantly.

Work has been taking place by the "pond group". They are currently looking at how to dredge some of the mud at the bottom of the pond which will improve the quality of the water. Recent analysis has shown a deterioration in the quality. The Friends are also considering opening the inflow and outflow to allow fresh water to flow through for a while to see if this impacts positively.

Costs are likely to be significant for dredging, but it is possible that these can be covered by a grant. The mud taken out will need to be moved on site and the Friends are considering where this might be put at their next meeting on 2nd August. There will also be expert advice from Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

The dyke adjacent to the site has been flooded for some time and it is likely that there is a blockage. Advice has been given by the bridge contractors about next steps. The cheapest of this would be to purchase a pump, drain the excess water and observe to see what happens. This will be discussed by the Friends and any costings presented to LM at the next meeting.

The annual Cut and Clear is planned for Wednesday 11th September.

Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

Where the dredging from the pond might be put on the site. Are LM happy to leave that decision to the Friends and other expert advice?

The purchase of equipment to drag some of the pondweed off the surface of the pond. Costs already submitted to D Clerk.

Help requested from within Land Management groups

Ongoing help from Environment/Biodiversity with regard to the pond and elements of the 5 year plan.