

Recreation and Wellbeing report

Name of organisation/group: Cremer's Meadow. October 2026

Highlights for sharing

The blocked culvert seems to have been cleared by the Friends during the drought. Several dedicated people managed to rod the original pipe and it seems that this might now be taking the majority of the water.

The plan is to monitor this over the winter and determine if it is indeed fixed or if remedial work still needs doing.

Similarly, the ditch which runs from the pipe to the stream will be monitored to see if it needs dredging by a contractor. This is all likely to be brought back to Land Management in the spring when decisions can be made.

The Cut and Clear was a great success with over 30 people working hard all morning. They all enjoyed a sandwich and cream tea lunch provided by the Co-op. Both Bure Valley Conservation and BADCOG assisted with the event. Invoices and donation requests are below.

It has been decided to name the refurbished hut "Cremer's Cabin" and it will be primarily used as a base for the Friends and other events.

Three poplars were taken down at the south of the site. A lot of wood has been created and it is anticipated that this will all be used on site. Some of the larger trunks have been placed inappropriately and will need to be moved. Gill, Clare and Caroline will meet the tree surgeon and get a price for moving those. This will be brought back to LM in due course.

Due to the poor turn out at the Welcome Day it has been decided to review what we do next year. Suggestions include short sessions during school holidays eg pond dipping, treasure hunt etc and educational sessions for Friends and public which might include fungi recognition etc. This will be discussed at a future Friends meeting.

The annual work plan will be reviewed and written for next year during October/November. The Risk Assessment for visitors will also be reviewed for January. This will link into the 5 year Management Plan.

Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

Invoice from Bure Valley £192.50

Donation to BADCOG £50

Help requested from within Land Management groups

Following reviews at the Environment Committee meeting of the Management Plans, Gill has taken up Tim's offer to work on the plan to bring it into line with the other's formats. Gill is grateful for this offer and the final plan will be brought to LM in due course.