

Action Plan

April 2018 – March 2019

Reserve: Hilly Fields Local Nature Reserve

April 2018

		Month Season Year	Priority	Volunteers	Ranger/CBC	Contractor
1	Regular contract operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mow footpath through Spinney – IDV Litter pick monthly heath/scrub areas - IDV Empty litter bin – IDV Empty dog bins CBC Mow Elianore Road public footpath – IDV Mow perimeter trail at Bunting's meadow – IDV Cut conservation grassland & remove arisings on Bunting's Meadow (half of rough area adjacent to track to be cut 2018, area adjacent to footpath cut 2017) 	All year	1			X
2	Farm tenancy agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenant farmer responsible for Bunting's meadow, if necessary top upper field (farmer) Cut hay on Bunting's meadow – tenant farmer 	Summer	1			X
3	Monitor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All countryside furniture- benches, boardwalks etc. Condition of Elianore Road surface (holes filled in with type 1, Jan 2015) Condition of Sussex Road entrance Condition of paths leading away from Bunting's meadow Display boards Japanese Knotweed 	All year	1	X	X	X
4	Spinney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Spinney Working Party Continue step replacement from grassland area leading to Oaks Drive Repair and replace boardwalk sections from Oaks Drive steps into the Spinney 	Winter Summer Summer	2 2 1	X X X	X X X	
6	Ranger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrol at least fortnightly Litter pick as necessary Production of action plan Organise/host events in conjunction with CNHS – <i>Summer Insects and Butterfly Walk</i> CNHS (evening) Wildlife Walk (specifically to find if these flora are still on site: Lesser chickweed, Changing forget-me-not & Leafy hawkweed) 	All year All year March 2019 8 th July 2018 15 th May 2018				
7	Refurbish gate at Hubert Road entrance	As & when	2	X	X	
8	Hubert Road store – repair guttering, repaint windows if needed	March-June	2		X	X
9	Remove self-seeded trees in Broom area	Autumn	2	X	X	
10	Continue programme of coppicing a compartment of the Hawthorn/ Blackthorn areas on the acid grassland lower field	Winter	1	X	X	
11	If needed clear the seasonal ditch in Buntings Meadow + Oak Field	Autumn	2	X	X	

12	Repair and replace post and rail where needed	Summer	1	X	X	
13	Monitor trees/branches along boundaries, and carry out work if needed	Ongoing	1			X
14	Re-pollard a compartment of willows behind pond, on a 15 year rotation	Winter	2	X	X	X
15	Keep TP access route to land next to Spinney clear	On-going	2	X	X	
16	Cut back along cycle track	Spring-Autumn	1		X	X
17	Update management plan	Spring-Autumn	1			X
18	Apply for Forestry Commission felling license	Summer	1		X	