

ACTION PLAN FOR Financial Year 2018-2019

Reserve: Lexden Springs Local Nature Reserve

April 2018

| Month/Year | Priority | Volunteers | Ranger/CBC | Contractor |
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| 1 | Monitor rabbit fencing on upper meadow, repair if damaged | Ongoing | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 2 | Cut and maintain 5m fire break (short grass foot path) on the Southern meadow boundary | Spring Summer | 1 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3 | Coppice third of pond side vegetation, remove invasive weed from pond as required | Autumn | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 4 | Cut and clear half upper and lower meadows annually | Autumn | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 5 | Pull and/or cut and clear area of meadow invaded with creeping thistle and nettles at least twice | Summer | 1 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6 | Cut back encroaching vegetation on pathways during the main growing season and lower meadow fence lines | Ongoing | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 7 | Continue monitoring grounds maintenance work carried out by contractors – e.g. regular grass cutting and litter picking | Ongoing | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 8 | Patrol site monthly | Ongoing | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 9 | Assess suitability of installing a Barn owl box | Autumn | 2 | | | ✓ |
| 10 | Coppice on rotation the scrub area at the boundary of the southern slope | Winter | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 11 | Ensure all 3 public footpath and entrance lanes to the site are kept clear of encroaching vegetation | On going | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 12 | Visual inspection of path side and boundary trees. Carry out remedial tree work where necessary | On going | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 13 | Inspect and maintain fencing of the lower meadow | Ongoing | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 14 | Thin Laurel along footpath from nature reserve to Tapwoods | Winter | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 15 | Wildlife Walk | 13 th May | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 16 | Replace entrance signs if needed | Summer | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | |