

## ACTION PLAN FOR 2021 - 2022

<b>Site:</b> <b>Hilly Fields Local Nature Reserve</b>  <b>Date: April 2021</b>		Month/ Season	Priority	Volunteer	Ranger/ CBC	Contractor
1	Grounds maintenance contract operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mow footpath through Spinney</li> <li>• Litter pick monthly heath/scrub areas</li> <li>• Empty litter bin</li> <li>• Mow Elianore Road public footpath</li> <li>• Mow perimeter trail at Bunting's meadow</li> <li>• Cut conservation area &amp; remove arisings on Bunting's Meadow</li> </ul>	All Year	1			X
2	Monitor & maintain:  Farm tenancy agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenant farmer responsible for Bunting's meadow, if necessary top upper field (tenant)</li> <li>• Cut hay on Bunting's meadow – tenant farmer</li> </ul>	Summer	1			X
3	Monitor and maintain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All countryside furniture-benches, boardwalks etc.</li> <li>• Emptying of dog bins CBC</li> <li>• Condition of Elianore Road surface</li> <li>• Sussex Road entrance</li> <li>• Footpath surfaces &amp; vegetation</li> <li>• Display boards</li> <li>• Japanese Knotweed</li> </ul>	All year	1		X	
4	Ranger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrol minimum fortnightly</li> <li>• Production of action plan from Management plan</li> </ul>	Ongoing Winter	1 1	X	X X	
5	Remove self-seeded trees in Broom area	February	1	X	X	
6	Spinney: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove non-native Holm oak, Sycamore &amp; Laurel</li> </ul>	Winter	1	X	X	X

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-coppice mature &amp; collapsing Hawthorn</li> <li>Coppice minimum two compartments</li> </ul>					
7	<p>Acid grassland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open up pathways by coppicing edges</li> <li>Coppice two areas of scrub, to increase grassland area</li> <li>Create bare earth patches for invertebrates on path edges (using hand tools)</li> </ul>	<p>Winter</p> <p>Winter</p> <p>Autumn/ winter</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>
8	<p>Wetland area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Anglian Water on feasibility of removing combined sewer outfall</li> <li>Assess feasibility of replacing outfall sill to increase water holding capacity</li> <li>Remove scrub from pond edges &amp; build dead hedges (TCV x2)</li> <li>Remove developing scrub from grassland area, cut grass</li> <li>Reed removal (TCV x2)</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Autumn/ winter</p> <p>Autumn/ winter</p> <p>Late summer/ autumn</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>
9	<p>Buntings Meadow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove encroaching scrub</li> <li>Remove self-seeded trees from reservoir bank</li> <li>Carry out hedge care work on southern hedgerow (stop encroachment on paths)</li> <li>Assess feasibility of introducing a Spring hay cut (discuss with tenant)</li> </ul>	<p>Winter</p> <p>Winter</p> <p>Winter</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p></p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p></p>
10	Clear the seasonal ditch in Buntings Meadow + Oak Field	Autumn	2	X	X	X
11	Surveying/monitoring of species	Ongoing	2	X	X	
12	Carry out annual tree inspection on boundaries and main paths, carry out work as required	Autumn/ winter	1	X	X	X
13	Keep permissive access route clear to land next to the Spinney	Ongoing	2		X	
14	Site visit and production of Action Plan	Winter	1		X	

15	Cut back along hedge to cycle track and pond	Spring to Autumn	1			X
16	Apply for Forestry Commission felling license. Start works as per management plan.	Ongoing	1		X	X
18	Apply for consent (Historic England) for new sign installation	Ongoing	1		X	
19	Assess appropriate work to improve Pope's Lane entrance	Ongoing	1		X	X
20	Gain quotes for Sussex Road circular path improvements	Ongoing	2		X	X
21	Create two fenced areas within Oak wood- compare areas for effects of grazing/disturbance (gain SAM consent)	Summer/ autumn	2	X	X	
22	Work with Museums to update site Interpretation panels	Ongoing	1		X	
23	Remove old fence in wetland area (adjacent to St. Helena's field)	Summer/ autumn	2	X	X	