

Action Plan June 2023- May 24

Site: Cowdray Marsh

	Priority	Volunteer	Ranger/ CCC staff	Contractor	Month/Season
Patrol and litter pick monthly or more frequently if issues arise	1		X		All Year
Increase area of open water and marsh by clearing a quarter of willow and alder growth (compartment 6)	1	X	X	X	Autumn
Treat larger cut willow and alder stumps in marsh to reduce regrowth using EcoPlugs. Cut or strim small regrowth	1		X		Autumn
Walkover survey of marsh to identify any non-native species early and eradicate if found	1		X		Summer
Coppice 2-4 of the largest trees in compartment 9	1			X	Winter
Inspect the High Wood's drain quarterly to ensure flow not impeded, unblock if required	1		X		All Year
Maintain boundary fence	1	X	X		All Year
Maintain site signs and ensure displaying correct information	1		X		All Year
Maintain access path to marsh by strimming	1	X	X		Spring - Summer
Ensure cycle path is clear of encroaching vegetation	1	X	X	X	All Year
Monitor compartment 4 and High Wood's drain from excessive scrub growth, cut back if necessary	2	X	X		Autumn – Early winter
Maintain "clover lawn" with regular cutting (compartment 3)	2			X	May – Oct
Lay section of boundary hedge	3	X	X		Winter
Monitor water loss from bund in Compartment 7. Carry out repairs if necessary	2		X	X	Late Summer
Visually inspect water levels on site to assess if future alternations can be made to maintain wet areas year-round.	2		X		All Year
Monitor use of otter holt and carry out repairs as required	2	X	X		Winter
Coppice section of riverbank trees to maintain open area as potential loafing sites for otters and to protect integrity of river wall	1	X	X	X	Winter
Coppice trees on riverbank in compartment 1 to maintain emergent river vegetation	2	X	X		Winter
Coppice fallen trees significantly encroaching on river.	1			X	Autumn/Winter
Work with special interest group to increase species records	2	X	X		All Year
Build new Otter holt if suitable materials arise from site works.	3	X	X		Spring - Summer