

## **ACTION PLAN FOR 2020 - 2021**

<b>Site: Salary Brook</b>		Month/ Season	Priority	Volunteer	Ranger	Contractor
<b>Date: April 2021</b>						
1	Patrol and litter pick fortnightly with more frequent visits when necessary	All Year	1		X	
2	Monitor Grounds Maintenance Contract (GMC) schedule of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity grass cutting</li> <li>• Litter picking and bin emptying</li> <li>• Conservation grassland cutting</li> </ul>	All Year	1		X	X
3	Cut back encroaching scrub along cycle paths and steps	Late Summer	1	X	X	X
4	Seek ways to reduce anti-social behavior particularly litter, fly tipping of garden waste and prohibited vehicles.	All Year	1		X	
5	Organise 2 Spring Tidy days	Early Spring 2022	1		X	X
6	Inspect path surfaces	All Year	1		X	
7	Check and repair site furniture when required (steps, benches, signs)	Spring – Summer	1	X	X	
8	Replace fence along brook near Bromley Road	Spring	1	X	X	
9	Work with special interest groups to improve biological records	All Year	2	X	X	
10	Continue to monitor dormouse population with licensed surveyor	All Year	1	X	X	
11	Work with Essex Wildlife Trust to continue to monitor Water Vole, Otter and Mink populations	All Year	1	X	X	
12	Control spread of ragwort in Berriman pasture (compartment 4)	Summer	1	X	X	
13	Continue rotational cut of ditch vegetation in Berrimans Pasture (C4)	Autumn	1		X	X
14	Prevent increasing scrub encroachment in Berriman's pasture by selectively coppicing margin	Autumn	1		X	X
15	Inspect and repair bunds if necessary, in Berriman's pasture (c4)	Winter - Spring	2	X	X	
16	Inspect fishing swims, repair, or replace as required. Strim or pull encroaching vegetation as required	All Year	1	X	X	X
17	Monitor oxygen levels in all 3 ponds					

		All Year	1	X	X	
18	Organise regular work party to clear excessive duck weed and blanket weed from ponds	May - Sept	2	X	X	
19	Monitor quantity of scrub in marsh area to inform future management decisions	All Year	2		X	
20	Check ditch along Pickford Walk is free flowing and not directing water on to pat, cut back vegetation and desilt as necessary.	Autumn – Winter	1	X	X	
21	Inspect culverts for blockages and clear as necessary	All Year	1	X	X	
22	Trim hedge behind student flats to fence height	Autumn- Winter	1	X	X	
23	Coppice or lay 1/12 of cycle path hedge between Clingoe Hill and Pickford walk	Winter	1		X	X
24	Gap up and widen cycle path hedge where possible through Colchester woodland project	Winter	1	X	X	
25	Carry out annual tree inspection survey	Late Summer – Autumn	1		X	X
26	Carry out remedial work arising from tree inspection and emergency tree work as it occurs.	All Year	1	X	X	X
27	Assess willow along Pickford walk and river with a view to coppicing areas and planting native black poplar Apply for felling license if required	Winter	2		X	
28	Start laying hedge along Pickford walk marsh boundary	Winter	1	X	X	
29	Maintain short rotation coppice of willow in C11 by coppicing 1/3 stand	Winter	2	X	X	X
30	Assess scrub in C11 and select areas to coppice as necessary to prevent closed canopy scrub	Winter	3	X	X	X
31	Organise additional grass and flail cuts of rough grass and bramble areas.	Late Summer – Autumn	1		X	X
32	Maintain rough grassland areas in within C2 scrub by selective removal of tree saplings and scrub coppicing	Autumn – Winter	1	X	X	
33	Establish new areas of wildflower grassland by reducing cutting in selected areas of C2	Spring – Autumn	1		X	
34	Increase edge habitat in C2 by coppicing “bays” within the scrub.	Autumn – Winter	2	X	X	
35	Monitor tree and scrub cover in C3, C5, C6 selectively coppice as required to maintain mosaic of habitat.	Autumn - Winter	1	X	X	X