

Site Action Plan June 2023- May 24

Site: Salary Brook

	Priority	Volunteer	Ranger CCC	Contractor	Month/ Season
Patrol and litter pick fortnightly with weekly visits during the peak season	1		X		All Year
Monitor Grounds Maintenance Contract (GMC) schedule of work	1		X	X	All Year
Cut back encroaching vegetation along cycle paths and steps	1	X	X	X	Summer
Seek ways to reduce anti-social behaviour particularly litter, fly tipping of garden waste and prohibited vehicles.	1		X		All Year
Organise 2 Spring Tidy days	1		X	X	March
Furniture and Structures					
Inspect path surfaces	1		X		All Year
Check and repair site furniture when required	1	X	X		Spring – Summer
Install handrails on vehicle bridge	1		x	X	Summer
Improve drainage of Pickford Walk PROW	2			X	Summer
Seek quotes for land drains to improve summer path condition	2			X	Summer
Install new signage at ponds	2		X		Ongoing
Update wildflower area signage	2		X		Ongoing
Monitoring and Recording					
Continue to monitor dormouse population with licensed surveyor	1	X	X		All Year
Work with Essex Wildlife Trust to continue to monitor Water Vole, Otter and Mink populations	1	X	X		All Year
Work with special interest groups to improve biological records	2	X	X		All Year
Berriman's Pasture (Compartment 4)					
Control spread of ragwort in Berriman's pasture	1	X	X		Summer
Continue rotational cut of ditch vegetation in Berriman's Pasture	1		X	X	Autumn
Prevent increasing tree and scrub encroachment in Berriman's pasture by selectively coppicing margin	1		X	X	Autumn
Inspect and repair bunds if necessary, in Berriman's pasture	2	X	X		Winter - Spring
Ponds and Wetland					
Inspect fishing swims, repair, or replace as required. Strim or pull encroaching vegetation as required, block up any unauthorised swims	1	X	X	X	All Year
Monitor oxygen levels in all 3 ponds	1	X	X		All Year

Work with EA and organise regular work party to clear excessive blanket weed from ponds	1	X	X		May - Sept
Check ditch along Pickford Walk is free flowing and not directing water on to path, cut back vegetation and desilt as necessary.	1	X	X		Autumn – Winter
Inspect culverts for blockages and clear as necessary	1	X	X		All Year
Monitor quantity of scrub in marsh area to inform future management decisions	2		X		All Year
Apply for felling license to begin a coppice rotation of willows along the brook	1		X		Ongoing
Scrub and Grassland					
Organise additional grass and flail cuts of rough grass and bramble areas.	1		X	X	Late Summer – Autumn
Maintain rough grassland areas within C2 by cut and clearing grass and scrub coppicing	1	X	X		Autumn – Winter
Establish new areas of wildflower grassland by reducing cutting in selected areas of C2	1		X		Spring – Autumn
Monitor tree and scrub cover in C3, C5, C6 selectively coppice as required to maintain mosaic of habitat.	1	X	X	X	Autumn - Winter
Trees and Hedges					
Trim hedge behind student flats to fence height	3	X	X		Autumn- Winter
Coppice or lay 1/12 of cycle path hedge between Clingoe Hill and Pickford walk	1		X	X	Winter
Assess willow along Pickford walk and coppice where necessary to prevent collapsing onto footpath. Apply for felling license if required	2		X		Winter
Continuing managing hedge along Pickford walk	1	X	X		Winter
Assess scrub in C11 and select areas to coppice as necessary to prevent closed canopy scrub	1	X	X	X	Winter
Maintain short rotation coppice of willow in C11 by coppicing 1/3 stand	3	X	X	X	Winter