

Action Plan for April 2020 to March 2021

Reserve: Hilly Fields Local Nature Reserve

		When	Priority	Volunteers	Ranger/CBC	Contractor
1	Grounds maintenance contract operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mow footpath through Spinney Litter pick monthly (1st Monday) heath/scrub areas Empty litter bin Mow Elianore Road public footpath Mow perimeter trail at Bunting's meadow Cut conservation grassland & remove arisings on Bunting's Meadow 	Ongoing	1			X X X X X X
2	Farm tenancy agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenant farmer responsible for Bunting's meadow, if necessary top upper field Cut hay on Bunting's meadow 	Summer	1			X
3	Monitor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All countryside furniture- benches, boardwalks etc. Empty dog bins Condition of Elianore Road surface Sussex Road entrance Footpath surfaces & vegetation Display boards Japanese Knotweed 	All year	1		X	X
4	Ranger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrol at least fortnightly, including litter picking Production of action plan Organise/host events in conjunction with CNHS Remove self-seeded trees in Broom area 	All year March 2020 TBC Autumn	1 1 2 2		X X X X	
5	Spinney: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove non-native Holm oak, Sycamore & Laurel Re-coppice mature & collapsing Hawthorn 	Autumn Winter	1 1	X X	X X	
6	Acid grassland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open up pathways by coppicing edges Coppice two areas of scrub, to increase grassland area Create bare earth patches for invertebrates on path edges (using hand tools) 	Winter Winter Ongoing	1 1 2	X X X	X X X	
7	Wetland area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate feasibility of the removal of combined sewer outfall Assess feasibility of replacing outfall sill with sluice Remove scrub from pond edges & build dead hedges Remove developing scrub from grassland area, cut grass Install bird & bat boxes Reed removal 	Ongoing Ongoing Winter Autumn/winter Autumn Autumn	1 1 1 1 2 1	X X X	X X X X X X	
8	Buntings Meadow:					

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove encroaching scrub Remove self-seeded trees from reservoir bank Carry out hedge care work on southern hedgerow Assess feasibility of introducing a Spring hay cut 	Winter	1	X	X	X
		Winter	1	X	X	X
		Ongoing	1	X	X	
		Ongoing	2		X	
9	If needed clear the seasonal ditch in Buntings Meadow + Oak Field	Autumn	2	X	X	
10	Surveying/monitoring of specie	Ongoing	2	X	X	
11	Carry out annual tree inspection on boundaries and main paths, carry out work where needed	Ongoing	1		X	X
12	Keep permissive access route clear to land next to the Spinney	On-going	2	X	X	
13	Cut back along hedge to cycle track and pond	Spring-Autumn	1		X	X
14	Apply for Forestry Commission felling license. Start works as per management plan	Ongoing	1		X	X
15	Replace three entrance signs	Summer	1	X	X	

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