

Friends of Speckled Wood

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NEW BENCH INSTALLED IN MEMORY OF TIM.

On the 10th May The Trust collected a lovely wooden bench from The Country Park, which was kindly donated to go in the lower valley as a memorial bench for Tim who helped out working in the wood.

This was bolted to a large piece of concrete which was uncovered when the Trust members cleared a pile of metal and compost. It took a whole day to put this in place.

The trust were very happy to see so many people using it, making it worth all the hard work put in to make the lower valley look beautiful so people could sit on the bench and admire the beautiful view with not a scrap of metal in sight.

The Reverend Lee Duckett said he would bless the bench when a plaque had been placed on it in memory of Tim.

CLEARANCE OF RUBBISH IN THE LOWER VALLEY.

The trust received delivery of a skip in the Frederick Road entrance of Speckled Wood and have been busy for 3 weeks filling it with tons of metal and other fly tipped rubbish that has accumulated over the years. 5 skip loads were taken from the lower part of the woodland by Friends of Speckled Wood management Trust, from old water tanks and tyres to parts of beds and bicycles. Many of these had to be dug out from the stream and other places in the lower part.

Sadly the skip had to be removed after 3 weeks because of 3 complaints from the public about it.



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NEW



WEBSITE/ASK

CHARLOTTE.

The trust now have another website to answer all of your questions about speckled wood, Just go to

<http://www.friendsofspeckledwood.org.uk>

and ask Charlotte (our newest member) what you would like to know and she will happily answer any questions you have.

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VANDALISM IN SPECKLED WOOD

Sadly on the 28th May the bench was destroyed by vandals kicking the back out of it leaving it beyond repair. Also 3 trees were ring barked meaning that they will now die which is awful.

The Trust contacted The Hastings Observer about this and a photo shoot took place that afternoon in the hope that someone might know who is doing this.

Friends of Speckled Wood Management Trust wish to thank Reverend Lee Duckett, Ore Church Mice, and Jo's Child minding and other members of the community who come out on that wet and muddy afternoon to show their support.



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WORK IN THE GLADE.

Trust members have been very busy digging out the pond and building another dam, as we have found that the previous dam was situated in the wrong place, causing the pond to silt up. The dam has now been rebuilt up stream so that the water falls over into the pond keeping it from silting up. It

is now looking a lot better, although a lot more digging is needed to get it looking right. We are hoping to get this area looking beautiful, so that The Ore Church Mice nursery school and hopefully other groups of children and families can come down and enjoy a picnic by the pond.

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LITTER

The Trust seem to spend much of their time litter picking in the wood, which is taking up time that could be used doing more constructive things, so we ask you please to take your rubbish out with you and place it in the litter bin. There are bins at every entrance of the woodland. Another big problem is dog fouling in the woodland. Please clear up after your dog and take it out to the bin when you leave. This will be very much appreciated Thank you.



WILL KEEP WORKING.

Although it is sad that there has been so much vandalism in Speckled Wood The Trust will continue to work hard in the wood to make it a beautiful community area for all to enjoy.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the people who continue to help and support friends of speckled wood Management Trust.

