

Friends of Speckled Wood

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



WORK CONTINUES IN THE WOODLAND.

On the 4th June a new skip was delivered to Speckled Wood after the previous skip was removed before the Trust had a chance to finish clearing the lower part of the woodland.

On the 5th June further improvements were made to the pond by using 2 extremely heavy stones from further down the stream to re-enforce the dam, raising it by about 8cm. This was done in the hope that the water falling over it will help to excavate the pond as it used to before it got silted up. This seems to have started working already. On the 12th June the Trust have made a start on piling up the enormous amount of metal and other tipped rubbish in the upper part of the wood. This has been done so that it is all in one place ready for when we are able to get a skip up to this part of the wood.

WILDLIFE.

One of our members was lucky enough to see and photograph the fox cubs playing in the wood. A member has also been able to video a very rare sighting of a jay bathing in the stream and a squirrel eating an apple.



On 15th June Two different types of mollusc have been found in the pond. One is thought to be a Great Pond Snail, which is a good indication of fresh, unpolluted water. The other mollusc has yet to be identified.

Baby Squirrels can now be seen darting around the trees above our heads playing tag and chasing each other madly about.

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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

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MEETINGS.

On the 13th June The Trust attended The North East Hastings Big Lottery event. The Chairman stood up and gave a presentation for Friends of Speckled Wood. He said that the feedback was very good. This is the first of the preliminary meetings with the steering group. On the 28th June Two members met with the historical writer Mrs Victoria Seymour and were very pleased that Victoria has agreed to help The Trust with their publicity. It is wonderful to have this lovely



VANDALISM IN SPECKLED WOOD

Sadly on the 11th June the previously damaged bench was completely flattened beyond repair by jobs in the wood, The Trust members were very upset to see this and are currently looking into obtaining a metal vandal proof bench. The Trust decided to leave this where it was so that people could see for themselves what had happened. This didn't really work well, as a few days later it was found in the stream. The pieces have now been removed from the stream and put into the skip.

