

# Commons Report for Parish Council Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## **1. Volunteer Group Tasks**

Volunteer tasks undertaken by Norfolk Conservation Corps (NCC) and Norwich Environmental Weekenders (NEWS) unless otherwise stated.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Volunteer Group</u></b>	<b><u>Task Completed</u></b>
<b>Tasks Completed (since last report)</b>			
27/06/21	Upgate	NEWS	Pulling small birch saplings and bracken topping on Deadman's Hill
<b>Tasks Planned (exact dates and tasks to be confirmed)</b>			
25/07/21	Alderford	NCC	Bracken topping and clearance
08/08/21	tbc	NEWS	tbc

## **2. Management Plans**

No further action.

## **3. HLS Agreements**

Nothing to report

## **4. Upgate Common**

Volunteer groups are back operating and a well-attended task was completed on 27/06 pulling small birch saplings and clearing bracken on Deadman's Hill.

A decision still needs to be made regarding the future boardwalk replacement/ alternative solution/ re-routing of path to drier ground etc).

The Wynch's Way information board that fell down due to rotten supporting posts is due for repair and re-erection.

Next tasks likely to include Himalayan Balsam clearance, pond maintenance and/or raking/removal of grass from the grassland which will need cutting towards the end of August, depending upon weather and availability of volunteer groups.

## **5. Alderford Common**

Meeting held with NCC on 11/06/21 re the realignment and cutting of footpath FP10 on Alderford Common and relocation of finger posts. Currently waiting for confirmation of date for contractor to attend and complete.

CGM have been cutting access track and footpath to Station Road as agreed.

The southern section of the fenced area that is overgrown and has fallen down in a number of places still needs attention. Contractors to be approached for quotations with a view to fixing.

Volunteer task scheduled for 25/07/21 which will involve clearance around car park and bracken removal from grassland within the fenced area.

**Steve Williams – July 2021**

**Swannington with Alderford and Little Witchingham Parish Council**