



LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

# NEWSletter

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## More work on hedges? Not much...

During the first Wednesdays of January, Mark and I continued work on December's hedge laying which we completed on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There was just a little clearing up to be completed after that. The Council Estates Team completed the felling of trees in our coppice area at about the same time and transported about 200 logs to the Orchard meadow ready for us to build more beetle pyramids and lizard log piles in March. Clearing of the rest of the coppice could have been left until after the bluebells flowered. I noticed bluebells coming up by mid January and I always hate trampling them as they start to grow.

However, things transpired to have the coppice finished first. I was supposed to collect a long handled hedge trimmer from the Estates Team but I was so engrossed in what I was doing on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, I completely forgot until they had all gone home for the weekend. It was entirely my fault and it meant we could not trim the other hedges as I had planned. It is a good thing there is always more than one job to be completed in the wood at any one time.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan under the threat of rain and cold winds, seven volunteers made their way into the wood to clear up the logs left by the Estates Team. Fortunately the rain held off and the wind was suitably reduced by the trees.

In the meantime Ray took his chain saw to the Rookery and cut the saplings growing just inside the gate to the Orchard Meadow. This actually took him up to eleven when he came to help the rest of us.



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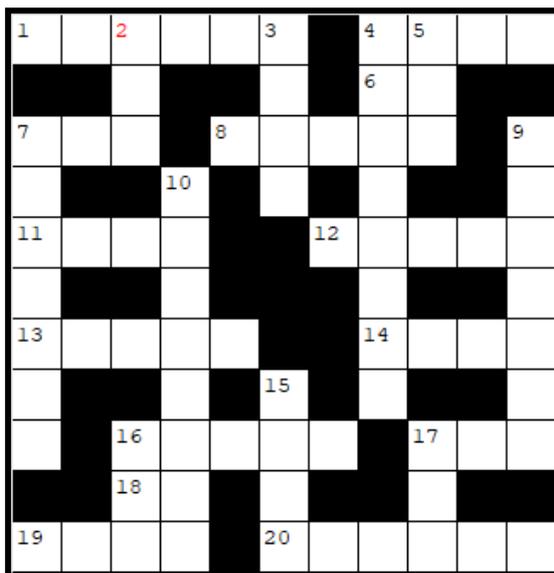
Most people departed for lunch at about 12 while Ray, Mark and I finished closer to 1.00pm. The work party managed to clear more than half the task so a very good effort by everyone. Thank you all

I noticed that the March Volunteers' day is set for the 31<sup>st</sup> which is Mother's day so Mark and I have made the decision to change the schedule to Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> as we think more volunteers will be able to attend. We will be working in the orchard meadow then so will not disturb any beasts in the woods.

Prior to that, the next volunteers' day will be on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> when we will be working on the hedges and bramble bashing. See you all at 09.25 in the Badsell Road car park. Dress warm as it is likely to be cold weather that day.

*Peter Prince*

## FHW Crossword No 141



**Clues Across** 1 & 4 down. Reptile havens, (6.8)  
4, 9 down, 8 across, 7 down, Peter forgot it, (4.7.5.7)  
6. Conj. To link alternatives, (2). 7. Small bird, (4).  
8. See 4 across. 11. Somewhat suspect, (4).  
12. Femae fox, (5). 13. Tooth, (5). 14. Wicked, (4).  
16. Water course, (5). 17. Seed case, (3).  
18. Post BC, (1.1) 19. Banned from FHW, (4).  
20 & 10 down. Refuges for Invertebrates, (6.8).

**Clues Down** 2 Spot, pimple, (3). 3. Red or fallow, (4).  
4. See 1 across. 5. Mineral source, (3). 7. See 4 across.  
9. See 4 across. 10. See 20 across. 15. Edible plant, (4).  
16. Remnant of cloth, (3). 17. Animal companion, (3).

### Solutions to FHW Crossword No 140

**Across** 6. Hedge laying. 7. Is. 8. Stable. 9. I.D.  
11. Below. 13. Algae. 15. AA. 16. Nearby. 19. IE.  
20. Brain fungus.

**Down** 1. Kestrel. 2. Yellow. 3. Jay. 4. Bird. 5. Eggs.  
6. His. 9. Ill. 10. Cambium. 12. Ova. 13. Avenue.  
14. Fibs. 15. Adam. 17. Yes. 18. Ant.

### **Any News?**

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