

**Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment Charity**  
**2009/2010 Report to Stow Bedon and Breckles Annual Assembly**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
**At Caston Village Hall**

Again it has been another busy year with a number of items to report

The shooting rights for the year were let to Mr M. Benefer of Kings Lynn for an annual fee of £600. Mr Bennifer's lease has been renewed for another 5 years and will run until March 2012

Beneficiaries received payments over the winter period: 6 people received a payment of £100 each in April 2009 and £100 each in December 2010. The list of beneficiaries for the winter period 2009/2010 stands at 6 at the present time, if anybody feels they qualify or knows of any other person, who may benefit from payments, please let myself or another trustee know so they can be considered. All information will be handled discretely.

As a reminder the Trustees reviewed the Charities Governing Document in 2007 and the outcome was the revised objects of the charity from the beneficiaries account, they are now..

- To make grants to the poor and needy of the Parish of Stow Bedon and Breckles by
- To make grants for Fuel
- To make grants for Mobility Devices
- To make grants for the Relief of Distress
- To make grants for Further Education

During the past year conservation work has been carried out including; bracken control in the open areas, to encourage grasses and wild flowers to re-establish. Further clearance of scrub and invading canopy from another two pingos, which border the Great Eastern Pingo Trail. This is part of an on going plan creating glades through the woodland, the purpose being to encourage a greater bio-diversity.

Thanks goes to James Clarke, Toby Shiplee (Silver), students from Wayland High School, all completing the service section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Thanks also goes to Mike and Rose Benefer and Richard Waterfield for their help with work during the last year.

Projects for 2010/2011 include continuing spraying to reduce bracken encroachment, It is hoped that the final part of the HLS capital works can be completed this coming winter. Just one more pingo to be cleared and rides created between existing.

An ongoing butterfly transect record is being done on the site, being a good wild life indicator, 2009 records were up on the previous year. This is in line with the national trends and is felt likely due to the wet summer in 2008.

The aim of the work is to improve the site for game and wildlife conservation, all of which is carried out under a HLS agreement with Natural England, who also help with the funding of the conservation capital work.

If any body has any questions I am always available and will answer to the best of my ability.

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