

Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment Charity
2010/2011 Report to Stow Bedon and Breckles Annual Assembly
11th May 2012
At Caston Village Hall
Charity Number 206598

The five year lease for shooting rights held by Mr Bennefer ended 31st March 2012. Mr Bennefer decided not to bid for a further 5 years and thanks go to him for the support and understanding during his tenancy whilst the capital works have been carried out.

The shooting rights were advertised in the EDP and local weekly papers in the beginning of March, which generated 25 enquires leading to 12 being shown around the site and ended with 6 bids. After careful consideration the winning bid went to Jonathan Yule of Stow Bedon. Jonathan's contact will last for the next 5 years. Jonathan is a successful artist, hopefully his time at the Fuel Allotment will inspire some lasting images of the site.

Beneficiaries received payment over the winter period: in December, 6 people received a payment of £300 each. The list of beneficiaries for the winter period 2011/2012 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 the revised objects of the charity from the beneficiaries account is to.

- 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 continuing conservation work has been carried out including; bracken control in the open areas, to encourage grasses and wild flowers to re-establish and further clearance of scrub and invading canopy pingos. This is part of an on going plan creating glades through the woodland, the purpose being to encourage a greater bio-diversity.

The final part of the HLS Capital works is to complete the main felling being done, and the tidy up should be finished by midsummer. Thanks go to Mike and Rose Benefer and Richard Waterfield for their help with work during the last year.

Projects for 2012/2013 include continuing spraying to reduce bracken encroachment, maintenance of glades, it is hoped that it will be possible to catch up with the maintenance of the open areas in late summer now the capital work is finished. A new gate should be installed in the coming months, the old one now seen better days.

An ongoing butterfly transect record is being continued on the site, being a good wild life indicator.

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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