

**Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment Charity**  
**2012/2013 Report to Stow Bedon and Breckles Annual Assembly**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2013**  
**At Caston Village Hall**  
**Charity Number 206598**

The shooting rights are let to Jonathan Yule of Stow Bedon. Jonathan's 5 year contact will last March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Jonathan is a successful artist and plans to paint some images of the site.

Beneficiaries received fuel payments over the winter period: in February, 6 people received a payment of £400 each. The list of beneficiaries for the winter period 2012/2013 stands at 6, 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

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- 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; scrub control in the open areas, to encourage grasses and wild flowers to re-establish and further clearance of scrub and invading canopy Pingsos. This is part of an on going plan creating glades through the woodland, the purpose being to encourage a greater bio-diversity. Maintenance of the site is now a little easier now that Phil Childs has acquired a tractor and topper.

Projects for 2013/2014 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 having seen better days. If weather allows work should start installing a new fence either side of the Pingo Trail in the coming winter which will help prevent walkers' dogs entering the site.

An ongoing butterfly transect record is being continued on the site, being a good wild life indicator. As with elsewhere in the country butterfly numbers were well down in 2012 due to the bad weather.

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

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