

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER**

**Head of Service/Contact:** Amardip Healy, Chief Legal Officer  
**Annexes/Appendices (attached):** None  
**Other available papers (not attached):** None

### **Report summary**

**To receive the report of the Head Downskeeper.**

### **Recommendation (s)**

**(1) To note the report**

#### **1 Conservation work on Juniper Hill**

- 1.1 The Downskeepers have recently been carrying out conservation work on Juniper Hill in conjunction with the Lower Mole Project, Epsom & Ewell's Countryside Team and volunteers.
- 1.2 This work has included the removal of secondary woodland to expose and restore more of the chalk grassland and general scrub in line with the Habitat Management Plan.
- 1.3 Juniper Hill is one of the country's most significant areas of chalk grassland and is nationally recognised as a UK priority habitat.

#### **2 Race Meetings and Events**

- 2.1 There have been several race meetings since the Derby all of which ran smoothly with no issues reported.
- 2.2 The Trainer's Open Day was deemed a success with over 100 visitors in attendance.
- 2.3 The Gallops' Manager conveyed his thanks to the Downskeeper's for their support and assistance on the day.

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**3 Winter Work Programme**

- 3.1 The Downkeepers are now working on drawing up the winter work programme, which will focus on continuing work from last winter to clear the scrub along the hack ride at the top of Rifle Butts Alley.

**Ward(s) Affected:** College Ward; Woodcote Ward;