

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER**

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**Annexes/Appendices (attached):**

**Other available papers (not attached):**

### **Report summary**

This report presents the Head Downskeeper's update to the Conservators. It includes: Downskeepers' Hut break in, clearance of a fallen tree and new signs.

### **Recommendation (s)**

**(1) That the Conservators note the report of the Head Downskeeper.**

#### **1 Downskeepers' Hut break In**

- 1.1 During December the Downskeepers Hut was broken into, with the door being badly damaged during the incident. Nothing was taken and there was no damage to the inside of the hut.
- 1.2 The front door and lock have been replaced, and under the recommendation of the Police any items of value have been painted with traceable DNA liquid, to deter further incidents.

#### **2 Clearance of fallen tree**

- 2.1 During recent strong winds a large tree came down and blocked one of the major bridleways across the Downs. The Ranger Service and Downskeeper team dealt with the situation with great professionalism. The implications of not getting the situation resolved quickly could have had effected horses in training and use by the public during the following week. I would specifically like to thank the Ranger team for their quick response and hard work.

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### 3 New signs

- 3.1 New signage is soon going to be put in place at the main entrances leading onto Walton Downs. This is due to numerous vehicles being sent by Sat Nav systems through Langley Vale Farm onto tracks and bridleways on the Downs.

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