

**ITEMS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED BY THE TRAINING GROUNDS
MANAGEMENT BOARD (TGMB)**

Report of the: Chairman of the Conservators
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): None
Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the Conservators with an update on items considered by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.

1 Items considered by the Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB)

1.1 The TGMB last met on 16 November 2016. The Chairman of the Conservators and Training Grounds Manager (Mr Nigel Whybrow) have provided the following report on items considered by the Board, for the Conservators' information.

1.1.1 **Hatched area**. This was discussed at length and it was decided that the signs indicating that it is closed for hack riding will be changed to allow them to show either "open" or "closed".

1.1.2 The area is currently being used for schooling hurdles, but when not in use by the TGMB, and the TGMB it feels the ground conditions do allow (during firm ground conditions July/August) it is to be opened to hack riders. A marked out route will be made available and the rabbit/fox holes will be checked and filled along this route. The TGMB will not tolerate any misuse that may compromise its ability to use the hatched area itself or the winter gallops - if riders are found straying off the marked route then the area will be closed immediately.

1.1.3 **Bridleway (horse margin) Langley Vale farm to Shepherds Walk**. After receiving many complaints from trainers regarding the surface of the horse margin, the TGMB, Surrey County Councillors for Epsom and Ewell and race horse trainers who use it have funded remedial works to the horse margin. Some of this work was carried out in December and the final works will be done in January 2017.

1.1.4 **Woodland Trust Centenary site, Langley Vale**. The TGMB was updated by the Woodland Trust as to its time frame for planning applications, public open days and anticipated effect of the public using the Downs to access their site off Headley Road.