

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER**

<u>Report of the:</u>	Head Downskeeper
<u>Contact:</u>	Robert Harding
<u>Annexes/Appendices (attached):</u>	None
<u>Other available papers (not attached):</u>	N/A

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

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

#### **1 Events**

- 1.1 The series of winter cross country events approved by the Conservators are well in hand and have not caused concerns to the Downskeepers.

#### **2 Staffing issues**

- 2.1 While not yet at full staffing levels, the Downskeepers are still providing a good service with the assistance of the backup systems in place.

#### **3 RSJ's & Metal Gates**

- 3.1 The identified safety issues at Downs access points have been resolved and the potentially dangerous RSJ's and metal gates have been replaced with safer materials. This work was carried out by the Downskeepers, Epsom Training Grounds staff and external contractors.

#### **4 Maintenance programme**

- 4.1 Downskeepers are currently cutting back the afternoon hack ride adjacent to the start of the Polytrack 7 furlong extension.
- 4.2 New Gallops Warning signs have been constructed and put in place where appropriate.