

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER**

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

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

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

#### **1 Recent events on the Downs**

- 1.1 All events held recently on Epsom Downs have run very smoothly, with no issues. The Downskeeper team spoke to the organiser of an event held on 20 August who had blocked off bridleways for a running event. The organiser had also started setting up a little earlier than the agreed time.

#### **2 Staff Training**

- 2.1 It is planned to arrange local training for the two new members of team within the next month. Local trainers will be approached to ask if they are willing to provide training to familiarise the new team members with what to expect from a race horse, how to leg up and also to build a relationship with the riding staff.

#### **3 Hatched Area**

- 3.1 With The hatched area open, the team have had a number of issues regarding Hack riders not being aware of the area permitted to them. Riders have tended to start from the 9F (Mile Start) and use the whole length of the grass area beside the Wax Track. The marking of the area could be improved.