

REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER

Report of the: Head Downskeeper
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): none
Other available papers (not attached): none

Report summary

To receive the report of the Head Downskeeper

Recommendation (s)

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

1 Staff Training

1.1 The two new members of the team have received horse handling training at Newmarket and will also attend a dog handling course, kindly arranged by a member of the Borough Council's Rangers.

2 Hack Riders Map

2.1 Work towards the design of a new Hack Ride map is progressing well. Once it has been completed, copies of the map will be delivered to all local yards to help remove any uncertainty which riders have with regard to the areas that they are authorised to use.

3 Winter Program

3.1 With the winter coming to an end the Downskeepers are on track with a number of tasks we wanted to achieve. Works to the car parks have been a priority. We have also undertaken woodland management in a few areas, which will benefit both horse riders and other Downs users. With help from an experienced chainsaw operator we have taken down two dangerously leaning trees at the top end of the fibre sand.

Ward(s) Affected: College; Woodcote