

## REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER

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**Annexes/Appendices (attached):** None

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

### Report summary

To receive the report of the Head Downskeeper.

### Recommendation (s)

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

## 1 Derby Festival

- 1.1 The build-up to the Derby Festival ran smoothly with no significant issues to report.
- 1.2 The Head Downskeeper would like to pass on sincere thanks to the cleaning contractors for the speed and efficiency of the clean-up operation. No complaints were received and the Downs were returned to its former glory in record time.
- 1.3 Although the Gypsy site did not cause any major issues during the Festival, the Downskeepers collected more fly-tipping than usual. As the fly-tipped material mostly comprised of green waste, this has been compacted into one area so that it can be dealt with on-site by Council's Eco Green composter/shredder machine to save on removal costs.

## 2 Borough Insight Magazine

- 2.1 The Downskeepers have been working with the Council's Communication Team on an article for the next issue of Borough Insight. This article focus' on a morning in the life of a Downskeeper and delivers key messages such as the fact that the Downs is private land governed by an Act of Parliament and that dogs should be kept on a lead around horses.

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