

Proposed basic FOLK work party programme for April to September 2018

Note that, according to Natural England rules, scrub clearance and grass cutting should be curtailed between 1st March and 15th July (and tree removal between 1st March and 31st August). These restrictions do not apply to footpath maintenance or restoration work which can be done with caution.

Work carried over from previous periods

- Burn gorse cuttings left on top of Hill to East of Windass
- Burn gorse cuttings left to East of enclosure
- Brushcutting and clearing grass on S-W corner of Leckhampton Hill – classified as restoration work. Treat 25% of the area per year in the form of separate blocks, not cutting so close as to expose soil. In conjunction with Wardens
- Weed-wipe/spray young sycamore/ash seedlings in large cleared area above Woodland Walk

Routine work

- Annual cutting of:
 - Area 16
 - Limekilns
 - Butterfly Motorway (mow floor only, allow growth on sides except if blocking views)
 - Sidings (may be done by Wardens)
 - Barrow
- Raking up grass cuttings in Area 4/5 after cutting by contractor if not baled
- Ragwort and Hemp Agrimony removal
- Erect temporary paddock in Daisybank Field when requested by Norths
- Footpath and car park clearance/maintenance as required (perform walk of all tracks to check what may be needed)

New work

- If approved by Natural England, chemical spraying of:
 - Rosebay Willowherb:
 - Hartley Lane end of Woodland Walk
 - Limekilns
 - Area 16
 - Ivy: Woodland Walk
- If approved by Natural England, undertake restoration work by brushcutting and clearing old grass and small prickly plants in area to the East of the enclosure.
- If approved by CBC and FOLK Executive Committee, install 'street signs' on inclines and sidings.

Work by Other Volunteer Groups

- Keeping the ramparts clear/trimmed
- Keeping the top incline, sidings and connecting tracks clear/trimmed
- Clearing grass on S-W corner of Leckhampton Hill in conjunction with FOLK (see above)
- Cut and clear old grass on slopes of Area 16
- Rebuild Cotswold stone wall at Hartley Lane end of Cotswold Way including removing scrub to open up path and installing steps if appropriate.

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