



Welcome to Combwich

Otter Tales

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Parish Councillor Bob Birkenhead and his wife Carol proving that your elected councillors don't just attend meetings, they do lots of practical things to improve our community. They have made an excellent job of restoring the otherwise redundant telephone box to house a defibrillator.

(The box is a K6, post 1952 as witnessed by the crowns. It was originally at the bottom of Church Hill and was moved when the brush factory site was redeveloped)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

PREVENT THE SPREAD

 **STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK**
 **WASH OR SANITIZE HANDS OFTEN.**
 **WEAR A FACE COVERING OR MASK**
 **STAY AT LEAST 6 FT APART**

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.
Thank you.

For more information please visit:
[de.gov/coronavirus](https://www.de.gov/coronavirus)

Otterhampton Parish Council

Otterhampton Offcuts

Snippets from your December 2020 and January 2021 Parish Council Meetings

STAY SAFE

We hope under the circumstances, that you managed to have a good Christmas and enjoy some form of New Year celebrations. Most importantly, please stay safe and well, look after yourselves and each other. These are indeed difficult times for everyone.

BROOKSIDE RD – OUTLINE PLANNING

APPLICATION

All residents should now be aware of the receipt of the outline planning application for the proposed development at Brookside Rd. Please go to page 4 for a more detailed article. The parish council encourages as many households as possible to complete the parish council questionnaire and in addition, either write to the Sedgemoor District Planning Department at Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater TA6 3AR, quoting the planning reference 39/20/00013 or you can leave a comment online by using the following link https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/planning_online?action=GetResults&ano=39/20/00013. It **will** make a difference. Whether you are in favour or not of this development, if the “red line” (outline) application is approved, it will only be the detail (e.g., design and housing mix) that can be negotiated going forward.

We are disappointed that we have been given only a very limited time to respond to this major application (extended now to 31 days) by SDC, which has not given much time for consultation with residents as we also know that communication via Zoom is not possible for so many of our residents. In addition, there are a number of inconsistencies, errors and omissions in the application that make it difficult to either resolve them before the closing date for comments or to make an informed decision. However, we really appreciate the way the community has rallied and responded.

The application is our priority for the next few weeks. We have provisionally set aside two dates to hold an extraordinary meeting(s) 28.1.21 and 1.2.21 (Zoom). We will make every effort to keep you informed as the process progresses including the results of the consultation questionnaire – a reminder that the closing date for comments is Friday 22 January.

PRECEPT (Budget for the 2021/22 financial year)

Councillors met on 14.12.20 to review the parish finances and proposals for the next financial year. We agreed to retain the precept at £26,000, the third consecutive year at this figure.

ENHANCEMENT

You will recently have seen the removal of the brambles along the verge adjacent to the play area. We have no plans to remove any other brambles and ‘wild vegetation’ in this area. We are hoping to refurbish the wall and also replace the existing temporary post markers with larger (and nicer) wooden posts. We hope this will help to protect the verge, discourage parking so close to the blind corner and to try and protect the safety of the children using the play area.

DOG FOULING

We have received many complaints about the increase in dog fouling in the village. This is anti-social and totally unacceptable given that we provide 4 dog bins and dog bag dispensers. We will also be putting up ‘anti dog fouling’ signage. There is little more we can do except to appeal to everyone’s social responsibilities and respect for one another and our community. We cannot solely blame the visitors. We have for example received complaints from residents in Estuary Park who have seen neighbours’ dogs freely defecating on their gardens. **We have suggested that complainants contact the Dog Warden to report these incidents with details including photographic evidence of those involved if possible.** Contact 01278 435294 or email:- environmental.services@sedgemoor.gov.uk

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area, let’s work together to keep it this way.

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Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017

Normally at this time of the year we would be reporting on a range of seasonal activities from the annual firework display on the common in November, to the Christmas Dinner for the senior members of our community. Sadly none of this was possible because of the pandemic, but we will try to make up for it when we safely can.

When we decided to cancel the Christmas dinner we made tentative plans to hold the Dinner over the Easter weekend together with the children's Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Sunday Quiz at the Anchor. Whether this will be possible remains to be seen.

We were able erect the village Christmas tree which looked lovely when lit up, thanks to Mike, Mel and Tom in particular. A tree was also supplied to Steart too.



Committee members also distributed Christmas cards to all seniors on our Christmas dinner invite list and Coffee Morning attendees, which were kindly made by the children of Otterhampton Primary School. A very big thanks to them.

With a great deal of ingenuity by their leaders, Comwich and District Brownies are managing to keep going during the pandemic by utilizing Zoom meetings, but unfortunately their funds have taken a hit. We were able to help them out with a grant of £250 thanks to the income we receive from our 100 Club.

In addition to the normal monthly draw we also had our Christmas draw in December and the lucky winners was, Peter Shaw (*former parish clerk pictured*) who won the first prize of £130. The second prize of £80 went to Ann and Barry Leathwood with the third prize of £52 going to Louise Bailey.



This has not been the best of years and for some it has been terrible. Some have lost loved ones and we have all missed friends and family, particularly over the festive period. We remain eternally thankful to those on the front line of the fight against this pandemic, who continue to be stretched way beyond what we have right to expect. Perhaps in the course of time our nation can recognise their selfless efforts in risking their own lives to keep the rest of us safe in a tangible way. Thanks also to the thousands of other workers who have adapted to different and sometimes risky circumstances to provide for the rest of us.

Finally we wish you a healthy and safe New Year when hopefully we can all meet again.

The 100 Club draw usually takes place every month at the Coffee Morning in Otterhampton Village Hall, but during the last few months the numbers have had to be drawn and witnessed by an independent observer by a video link. The winning numbers are displayed in the Post Office and the parish website

www.comwich.org.uk

If you want to join the 100 Club or become involved in OPRA activities please contact Ann on 652399 or Tina on 652642 or any committee member.

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EDF COMMUNITY BUS

Just to confirm that this service is suspended until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 4 February 2021, 7.00pm on Zoom. **There will be an update at this meeting from EDF re Comwich Wharf.** As above, we have provisionally set aside 28.1.21 and 1.2.21 to hold an extraordinary meeting (s) to discuss the Brookside Rd planning application.



Please note that we aim to place draft minutes on notice boards and the comwich.org.uk website within 10 working days of parish council meetings.

Contact for Clerk otterhamptonpcclerk@gmail.com or tel 01278 652426

Brookside Road Proposed Development *by Tim Jones*

More than 20 members of the public “zoomed in” to November’s Parish Council meeting in respect of a planning application (39/20/00013) to build up to 60 new homes at the entrance to Combwich. Additional comments received by the parish council, indicate that had a public meeting been able to be held in the village hall, it would have been packed.

The site is actually outside the village settlement area and, if approved, could set a precedent for adjoining land and up to 150 new homes, which would in a huge increase the size of the village.

The application by Walsingham Planning is on behalf of the Land Promotion Group, a Devon based company which specialises in obtaining planning permission for homes on behalf of landowners, on a “no win, no fee” basis.

The parish council only received the application from Sedgemoor District Council on the last day of December with an “unrealistic closing” date for comments set at 3 February - and that was with an extension. The parish council immediately launched a village-wide consultation, but from comments previously received, there already appears to be an overwhelming majority of residents against the proposals.

It is important that villagers respond to the parish council questionnaire, which can be returned via the letter box at the village hall by 22 January. Comments can also be posted on Sedgemoor District Council’s website via the planning link using application number 39/20/00013. It is worth remembering that objections and support should only be made under general valid planning grounds (*see box on next page*) plus Policy T3a considerations outlined in the public consultation.

There has also been concern that the extensive application and supporting documents on Sedgemoor’s website had potentially key information on flood risk redacted (blacked out) while some appendices were initially missing. The application also appeared to contain a number of significant inaccuracies including that no public right of way crosses the site.

Concerns include:

- Serious flood risk concerns in Brookside Road and possibly elsewhere if the development goes ahead.
- Existing poor drainage.
- A current Housing Need Assessment is essential - the last one in 2011 identified a need for 3 affordable homes and 3 for independent housing, the application suggests 24.
- It is suggested a new village hall could be provided if the development goes ahead, but much more information is needed. There is currently no community agreement for any new infrastructure developments.
- Highways concerns with the proposed development adjacent to the C182/Combwich junction which has been the site of 3 reportable accidents (2017), numerous non-reportable accidents and near misses, but crucially, 3 fatalities within 1.5 miles either side of the junction within the last 2 years.



- Lack of public transport - a 2.3km walk to the nearest bus stop.
- Development is far too large for the community to absorb.
- Does not conform to Sedgemoor District Council Local Plan 2011 - 2032, Policy T3a (smaller settlements).
- Inaccurate/incomplete planning application.
- It will create a further parking shortage in the village, particularly along Brookside Road.
- Uses A1 prime agricultural land.
- Sedgemoor Local Plan Tier 3 settlements (includes Comwich) have already exceeded the required number of houses to be provided by 2032. As a result there appears to be no justification for this development on a greenfield site.

The parish council will wait until the public consultation questionnaires have been analysed before responding to the planning application. It already appears clear, even at this stage, that there are numerous critical and technical aspects of the application that cannot be supported.

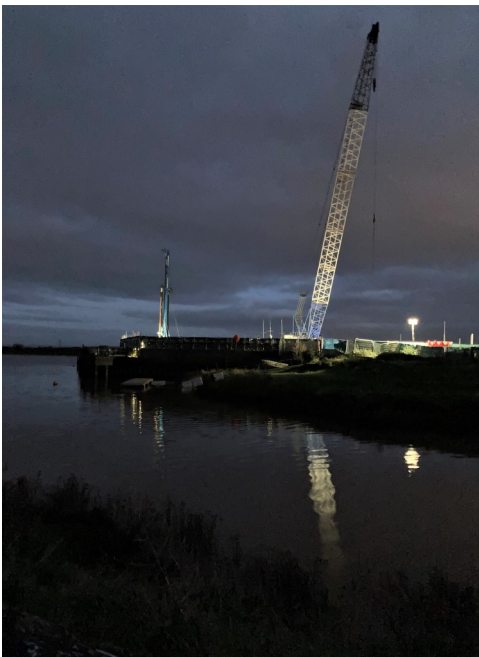
What should I include in my comments?

When commenting on planning applications, please remember that the council can only take into account **material planning considerations**. This list is not exhaustive but it gives an idea of the sort of things that would be classed as a material planning consideration:

- Car parking provision.
- Design, including appearance, layout, scale, density and materials.
- Highway safety issues and/or traffic generation.
- Impact on important trees.
- Impact on the character or appearance of a Conservation Area or a Listed Building.
- Local drainage or flooding issues.
- Planning policies and guidance.
- Loss of important open spaces or community facilities.
- Noise disturbance, smells, obtrusive lighting or other impacts on amenity.
- Overdominance, overshadowing and loss of light.
- Proposed landscaping.

The planning history of a site.

Recent images of Comwich



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Fisheries of the River Parrett

I have been persuaded to contribute some articles for publication in Otter Tales, the following one from the Evening World in 1929 will serve as an introduction. There will be lots more to follow about dip nets, putchers, hangs, weirs, flatners, and other strangely worded devices.

Somerset Waters of Wealth

Strange lights flickering across the waters of the River Parrett near Bridgwater, muffled men in waders splashing through the water and unusual sounds along the banks are attracting attention to Somerset's chief river, writes Evening World reporter Charles H V Johnson.



People living at the riverside villages near the town are reaping rich harvests of salmon, fishing night and day, for the waters of the Parrett are waters of wealth at this time of the year.

Every day quantities of salmon are being captured by these village fishermen as the tide carries the fish up the river.

Bridgwater and Taunton and other West Country towns are enjoying the king of river fish.

I stopped at the little village of Comwich and watched men catch salmon by a method seldom used in any other part of the country.

Stakes are driven into the river banks at low tide, and nets are fastened to them. *(remnants of the stakes can still be seen from the track)*

There is no escape for the salmon once he has been carried by the rushing tide into the nets of these wily fishermen and the fish are held captive until the tide recedes, when they are collected by the villagers.

One of these fishermen told me that he had caught as many as eight to twelve salmon in one net. "This year is not such a good year for the salmon as I have known, but we cannot grumble," he said. "We send our catch to Bridgwater and other towns, where we generally receive good prices.

We have not many days in which to catch the fish,

so we have to make best use of the time, fishing by night as well as day."

PLEASE DON'T STRUGGLE IN SILENCE

This lockdown, if you need help please reach out in confidence. Cannington Volunteers can help those who are housebound, self-isolating or quarantining. Message us or call 652953.



If you need help accessing food, contact Village Agents on 01823 331222. St Peter's, Comwich and WestCan Churches can also help. Contact: 652953 in first instance.

Please let friends and neighbours know that help is available.

Revd Alison Waters

OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL CIO: NEWS



It's been a strange old year and there is no one that hasn't, in one way or another, been effected by COVID in the past year. Hopefully with the turning of the year we will see a brighter light at the end of the tunnel. Due to the current lockdown the village hall will be closed to all users (any queries please contact any OVH Trustee or the booking clerk).

Despite not being able to engage in most of the usual community festivities, there was strong support for the Christmas raffle run by OVH and HVB. The draw took place on Saturday 19th December and just over £370 was raised to be shared between the Village Hall and Harbour View Bar. A total of 25 prizes were won and a special thanks goes out to the following people who kindly donated many of the prizes:

Alison Ball, Marie Beckley, Yvonne Bulman, Jan Cashin, Dee Crawley, Mary Culliford, Jowett and Jowett, and Lindsey Parsons and to everyone who bought tickets.



Pics below Ed, and right a beautiful one by Angie





Otterhampton Primary School.

Autumn term highlights

Head Teacher, Claire Luce



Otterhampton Primary School - December highlights!

What an extraordinary term it has been! Since returning in September, children have been amazing, demonstrating resilience and determination during what has been a challenging time for everyone.

Christmas Movie night

One of the highlights for the children is the annual Christmas movie night and luckily, we were able to go ahead with this treat in our class bubbles this year. Children wore their onesies, pyjamas and slippers and brought in blankets and sleeping bags! The children voted for their favourite film and enjoyed hot chocolate (with cream and marshmallows), popcorn and chocolate. A great way to start the festivities.



Christmas tree donations

We were lucky enough to receive 2 donations of trees this year! Thank you to EDF and Molly's Mum, Gina! Thanks, must also go to the children in after-school club who helped to decorate!

Brook Class and Little Otters Nativity

Brook Class and Little Otters worked hard to learn their lines for their nativity. Unfortunately, parents were unable to come into school to watch the finished product but it was posted on Class Dojo for all to see.

'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day

On Friday 11th December all children and adults wore Christmas jumpers and we raised an amazing £80 for the 'Save the Children' charity. Everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers!



Otterhampton Primary School *continued*

We were all set to return to school on Monday 4th January and I was looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

I would like to thank staff, parents and the community for their support this year and wish everyone a happy new year!

Claire Luce

PS. The children normally visit the Combwich Friday Coffee Club in December, to sing carols and give Christmas cards to all the attendees, but this year because of the pandemic they were unable to do so.

Instead the children were delighted to make a Christmas card for all the senior citizens in the parish which were delivered to their homes.

(the deliveries were made by the OPRA Committee)



Readers Contributions

2020

We have come to the end of a year
Like no other we thought we would see
So much we had taken for granted
Is now just a faint memory

A hug or a handshake now banned
How much alcohol gel have we used?
And as for the rules always changing,
Well now I am really confused!

So many were truly inspiring
With their mountains of NHS sewing
Others stepped out from the shadows
To help keep communities going

We pause to reflect on our loved ones
A difficult year for a lot
We take a deep breath and dry tears
So hard to think sadness will stop

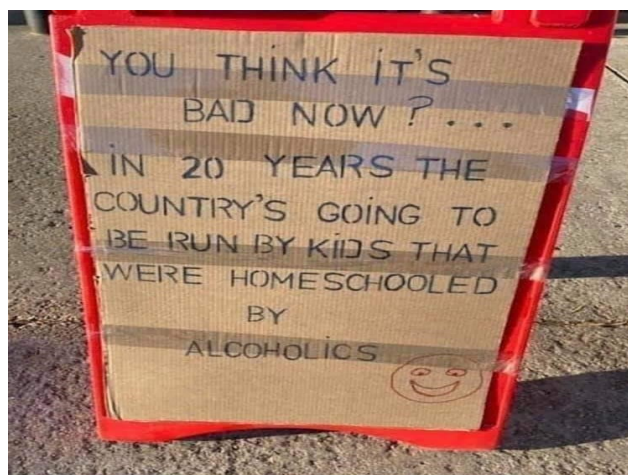
But we'll put on our masks and we'll distance
We'll possibly queue for the job
The dark clouds will change back to blue skies
And we'll rejoice in the blessings we have

Written by Sheena Tucker

2021

When Corona is a beer again
When Donald is only a duck
When tiers sit on a cake
And when bubbles only exist in champagne

—
From Monday postmen will be working from home. They will read all your letters and ring you if it's anything important



Submitted by Tina Gardener



Combwich, Steart & Otterhampton Memories

Private Facebook group with 203 members

Private group yes, but you are welcome to join our ever growing Facebook group to share your memories of Combwich, Steart and Otterhampton. Whether you live in the parish or have done in the past, you are welcome to join and see the range of comments and photographs of the parish and its settlements over the years. Below are a sample of members' contributions. Can you identify them and perhaps provide a date?



Comwich Cricket Club 1940



J. Kendall



Manor Farm, Steart about 1912. Mr. and Mrs Govett are pictured with their children



Reprinted from the "Bridgwater Mercury," May 1st, 1962.



The little church at Steart

Photo: Douglas Allen Photo.



Combwich Wharf Refurbishment Update

Since the last update here in the Otter Tales, a great deal of work has been completed on the Combwich Wharf refurbishment.

Work to remove the existing transfer slab is complete, with piling now well underway. We are continuing to use vibration drilling techniques rather than impact piling which is more invasive. You'll have noticed a crane is in position on the abnormal loads quay to support the works. As with many

aspects of construction, we're dependent on good weather for several of our activities, including the piling, and you won't see the crane in use when winds speeds are too high.

The piles are being installed into the ground of the quay at a greater depth than those historically fitted and this will provide better support for the new transfer slab. With many pieces of equipment weighing hundreds of tonnes being unloaded onto the quay during operations, it is essential the slab has strong foundations to support itself.

We continue to use best practice mitigation techniques to reduce noise impact and we review noise levels at all times via our noise monitoring stations, taking action where needed. Acoustic barriers are erected around the works area to help reduce noise disruption.

During 2021 we'll be in touch to let you know more about the operational phase of the Wharf, and how we'll keep in contact when deliveries start arriving.

In the meantime, you can keep up to date with what's going on at the wharf by signing up to our monthly update. If you are interested, or have any other questions, please call us on 0333 009 7070 or email us hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

Thank you for your continued patience whilst the wharf refurbishment is completed.

Many Thanks,

Immy Silby
Community Relations Executive, Hinkley Point C

Happy New Year from the Anchor

It looks as if we will not be open for some time with COVID lockdown, but we are using this time to get some more work done on the pub. We will be upgrading some of the letting rooms and improving the kitchen as it has been 14 years since I first installed it and some bits are on their last legs.

We are also putting finishing touches to the new back room restaurant that was only up and running a week or two before we had to close. So, we are after books for the new bookshelves we have built in there. If you have any to spare please them drop off in the smoking shelter if you can and thank you in advance.

We are hoping to get the new porch built before we open to help keep the heat in. We are also thinking about opening in the day time as a Coffee Shop and will be arranging a vote on Facebook to gauge interest in this idea.

We can't wait to reopen and hopefully have a big party to celebrate the end of this Covid crisis; it's been a long time since I've done a pig roast.

We hope to see you all soon.

Stay safe and much love from Matt and the team at the Anchor





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NHS

Test and Trace

CORONAVIRUS GOT SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED NOW

**PLAY YOUR PART.
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

Do not leave home, except to get a test.

Find out how to get a test at
nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

SUPPORT FOR SOMERSET RESIDENTS DURING LOCKDOWN

Help is available for anyone in Somerset who may need additional support during the second national lockdown.

Residents are reminded they can call 0300 790 6275 if they need any help themselves or are concerned about relatives or neighbours.

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES



Alys Laver WWT Steart Marshes Site Manager explains some of the issues and difficulties managing the wetlands in this edition of Otter Tales, with more information to follow in the next issue, covering WWT's legal obligations, spraying footpaths, and monitoring and research.

Background and Experience

As a conservation charity, conservation is at the heart of everything we do on site, we would not undertake any management that would have a negative effect on the reserve. All management is undertaken with the aim to provide as much available habitat to as many species as possible. We have a vigorous monitoring programme and a fantastic reserves team nationwide, who offer an endless supply of knowledge and expertise.

We have a detailed Management plan, and an agri-environment scheme which set out strict criteria that have to be met as contractual obligations. We adhere to best practice guidelines and technical advice. We map out and record every bit of management undertaken to make sure we rotate the work and deal with the site as a whole.

We are active members of the “Managing Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group” (VSG), created in 1997 it was developed to ensure a consistent approach to visitor safety management with the fundamental aim to identify and promote ways to manage visitors that sustain the environment and enhance the value to society of our landscapes and special places. One of the great strengths is the breadth of the membership that enables the development of well-founded and relevant guidance.

As site manager, I obtained my Zoology Degree in 2009 and have been working in conservation and land management ever since. I have worked with a multitude of different organisations all over the UK, this experience is what I base my management decisions on. Every tree that is cut, area of grass mown and section of ditch cleared is done so taking an intricate set of factors into account. All of the staff have had training in the work that they undertake and have a real passion for conservation and the amazing site that Steart Marshes has become for wildlife and people. Please trust that we have the very best of intentions with every aspect of work and very much see ourselves as members of the local community. I hope the explanation below puts minds at rest and allows us to get on with our jobs instead of spending so much time justifying so many of the decisions we make.



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Visitors and Vehicle Management Solutions for the Future

Visitor numbers have of course increased since the creation of the scheme. From the outset it was agreed that WWT wouldn't look to drive visitation to the site. At the same time, as the largest scheme of its type in Britain and certainly the biggest of the land holdings managed by WWT, it's an important scheme for promoting the value of wetlands and the work done by WWT as an organisation.

Monitoring the number of people visitations and vehicles coming into the main car park is providing us with an insight into any trends. A Marketing and Communications Plan provides clear guidance to inform the marketing directorate and address concerns within the immediate area about over-promoting the reserve. WWT continues to provide data around vehicle numbers / traffic generation to the site, in support of the local community's campaign for improved road safety, specifically at Biffens corner.

The promotion of the scheme remains carefully managed by WWT, but factors such as social media, rarities on site and now Covid-19 are out of our control. We will continue to monitor and evaluate visitation patterns, establishing the site's annual visitation figure as accurately as possible.

Since the initial COVID-19 lockdown, the number of visitors to the outdoors has increased. This has been apparent in large population surveys conducted across the UK and Ireland, media reports and anecdotal evidence from landowners and land managers.

We can't stop people from visiting but we can work with the local community in finding solutions to manage where people go and how they behave. We are working closely with the VSG group, looking to use social media to inform people about the sensitivity of the area and to be respectful of the local community. We are also working on an emergency parking plan, to help manage situations like we witnessed in early December when 3 rare birds and a sunny day meant all car parks reached their capacity. We are considering extending our overflow car park, this will not attract more people, it will simply accommodate those who are already coming. No major decisions will be made without consultation with the local community, through the Steart Forum.

Hedge Management: Flailing, Cropping and Laying

Some of the older hedges that were present before the scheme have had very little management in the past and as a result are slowly dying. To rectify this and to prolong their life we have instated a rotational hedge-laying and hedge-cutting regime to insure that we always have plenty of second year growth to allow for the provision of blossom and berries. We are also gradually changing the shape of the hedges to an apex. This allows for a denser hedge, which is of much more value to wildlife.

To mitigate for the hedgerows that were lost during the construction of the scheme a lot of planting was undertaken. 20,000 saplings were planted as part of the landscape mitigation, which included;

- Traditional tree and shrub copse mix
- Shrub mix
- Hedgerow mix
- Specimen trees

These younger plants require a different approach. Some of the new hedges are now 7 or 8 years old, the prime time to lay a hedge for the first time to start establishing nice, thick, dense growth. It is a well-established tradition with the aim to rejuvenate the hedge from the base.

Patches of scrub require thinning out to allow the stronger specimens to thrive and provide some more mature areas ideal for small nesting birds. Those cut are left to re-sprout providing a range of different stages of growth, managed on a rotational basis like the hedges.



Dogs

The decision not to install litter or dog poo bins is in keeping with the majority of nature reserves. Through discussions with our peers and first-hand experience, it was decided that bins not only take away from the natural feel of the outdoor environment but they do not necessarily solve the issue of litter.

To be effective, regular emptying is required, and being a charity managing a free entry site with a low amount of resource would not be cost effective. We rely solely on the land management scheme to fund all of our work. We feel that it is our responsibility to distribute our limited resources into the work that directly benefits and enhances the biodiversity and wildlife value of the reserve.

We have produced a leaflet, to help inform visitors with dogs and are in the process of assigning specific areas of the reserve where dogs can run more freely. We are also looking to engage with dog owners more proactively with the recruitment of dog wardens and focussed events.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about Steart Marshes.

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Engagement Officer: Nicole Turnbull 07717 342061 nicole.turnbull@wwt.org.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Combwich and Stockland every four weeks on a Thursday morning. The next visit is 3rd December.

Combwich Harbour TA5 2QU 10.20 – 11.00

Combwich Post Office TA5 2QW 11.05 – 11.25

Stockland Bristol Captains TA5 2PY 11.35 – 12.00

For information about this service, contact Somerset Direct 0300 1232224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

Please support this service

Post Office and Shop

Masks must be worn at all times by all customers and please note that we are currently operating on one customer only allowed in at a time

Opening hours may vary during these difficult times, and please remember we are a small shop and cannot stock the range of the Supermarkets.

**COMBWICH P.O.
& STORES**

- Groceries
- Off Licence
- Cards & Stationery
- Post Office

**Family Business
Established 20 Yrs**

To keep up to date with all that is happening in the parish check the village noticeboards, log on to our own website, www.combwich.org.uk or visit "All Things Combwich"

Facebook Group

Otter Tales

Deadline for articles etc for next issue is

Thursday 1st March 2021

Otter Wheels



We are sorry we cannot offer the normal service to our passengers due to the Covid 19 restrictions, but as soon as we are able we will resume normal service.

Thank you for your understanding

However

Essential journeys for medical appointments will be undertaken when no alternative transport is available

Ring 07925 154216

For more information

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