

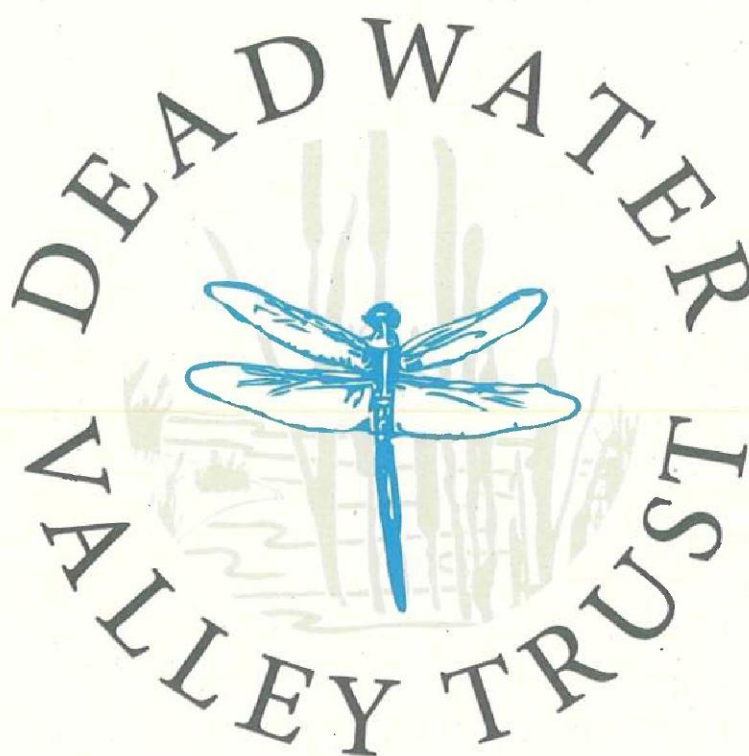
Frozen Scrapes in the Ancient Meadow

Annual Report

2022/2023

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Deadwater Valley Trust
Annual Report and Accounts
for the period
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023



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Deadwater Valley Trust - Annual Report 2022-2023



This aim of this report is to provide an overview of the sites, the management and community highlights, flora and fauna encountered and to celebrate the work of the Deadwater Valley Trust rangers, volunteers and trustees over the past 12 months. Enjoy!

Site Names:	Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and Bordon Inclosure (BI)
Owned by or Leased to:	Whitehill Town Council (WTC)
Managed by:	Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT)
Size of the sites:	LNR = 38 Hectares BI = 24 Hectares
Background:	<p>This report covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.</p> <p>The Deadwater Valley is a designated Local Nature Reserve which has been managed by DVT since its inception in 1989. Designated and expanded over the years and either owned by WTC or leased from East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) or Hampshire County Council (HCC) by WTC but managed day-to-day in its entirety by DVT Rangers and volunteers.</p> <p>Bordon Inclosure is an expanse of largely wooded area previously used as a MoD land holding. Since being designated a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) in January 2016 it has been managed on behalf of the leaseholders, Whitehill Town Council, by DVT. The area is an alternative to nearby SPAs and SACs at Broxhead Common and Kingsley Common.</p>

Site Inputs	
Inputs	Amount
Total Annual Management received (LNR)	£ 50,275
Total Annual Management received (BI)	£ 44,609
Total additional funding received (e.g. grants, donations)	£ 5,748 (includes van sale)
Characteristics of the sites and amenities	
<p>The LNR is bordered on its eastern edge by the River Deadwater and contains a variety of other habitats including; broadleaf, coniferous, mixed and wet woodlands, dry and wet heathland, scrub, grassland, an ancient meadow and ponds. There is also a designated Scheduled Ancient Monument at a southern highpoint called Walldown Enclosure. A mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths criss-cross the area and the townwide Green Loop winds its way through the entire length of the LNR. There is also a 10-space car park.</p> <p>Bordon Inclosure is bordered on its eastern edge by the River Wey and comprises of Scots Pine or Western Hemlock dominated coniferous plantation with elements of secondary broadleaf woodland and scrub. An unusual hornbeam woodland exists in the central area and remnant dry heathland occurs toward the north of the site. Ephemeral and permanent ponds exist on the site. A mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths on 6-waymarked trails cross the area. The Green Loop takes in part of BI before joining the LNR at Alexandra Park. There is a large natural play area to the north of the site and an 8-space car park.</p>	

Sites LNR and Bordon Inclosure (BI)	Y/N	Additional Detail and quantities (if required)
Built Environment		
Artwork / Sculptures	Y	LNR – 6 Green Loop waymarkers and 1 sign. BI – 21 waymarkers, 2 metal artworks, 1 stone artwork, 2 wooden artworks, 2 Green Loop waymarkers and 1 sign.
Car park (with height barriers)	Y	LNR – 10 unmarked bays inc 2 disabled bays. BI – 6 marked bays inc 2 disabled bays.
Boardwalks, Bridges, Concrete weirs, drainage culverts etc	Y	LNR – 2 boardwalk, 12 bridges, 1 brick structure. BI – 3 boardwalks, 4 bridges, 2 brick structures.
Furniture	Y	LNR – 3 benches/seating, 8 pedestrian and 4 field gates, 13 chicanes/barriers, 3 stiles, 12 'D' signs, 4 litter bins. BI – 9 benches/seating, 1 table, 5 pedestrian and 3 field gates, 7 litter and 7 dog bins.
Homes for Nature	Y	LNR – various bird and bat boxes, vertical log piles. BI – various bird and bat boxes, vertical log piles.
Play areas	Y	BI – 1 natural play area.
Pond dipping platform	Y	LNR – 3 at Knoxs Pond.
Signage/ Interpretation / Noticeboards	Y	LNR – 13 noticeboards. BI – 7 noticeboards.
Usage		
Friends group	Y	Friends of Deadwater group.
Livestock, sheep, cattle, conservation grazing	Y (LNR only)	5 cattle grazed the Ancient Meadow for 8 weeks (17 th Jan to 16 th March).
Other (specify)	Y	Bordon Inclosure 'Weekend Warriors' volunteers meet monthly plus regular Monday and Thursday volunteers assist the rangers in habitat management.
Categories / Designations		
Conservation designation / status	Y	LNR – Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). BI – SANG and SINC.
Throughout the 12 months all of the infrastructure listed required checking, repairs where necessary and/or removal and replacement due to anti-social behaviour, environmental damage or general wear-and-tear.		

Outcomes / Benefits

This relates to the overall benefits achieved as a result of the support and management and how the sites are making a positive contribution to the local area/community

Environment and Biodiversity

Main work or highlights of the year included:

Local Nature Reserve

- New 5-year Management Plan, written by contractor, received
- Hazardous Tree Survey Report, written by contractor, received
- Knox's Pond project Phase.1 (dredging and tree work) successfully completed
- Funding application for Phase.2 (Access) submitted to EHDC
- Installed Green Loop posts and waymarkers throughout
- Tree work (rangers and contractors) and hazardous tree checks throughout
- Chestnut stake processing
- Upgraded walkways in Alexandra Park
- Infrastructure repairs throughout
- 'Water Ranger' surveys checking the River Deadwater water quality started
- Walk-behind brushcutter 'Grillo' and trailer purchased

Bordon Inclosure

- New 5-year Management Plan, written by contractor, received
- Hazardous Tree Survey Report, written by contractor, received
- Invasive species removal mainly balsam, cherry laurel and rhoddie
- Tree work (rangers and contractors) and hazardous tree checks throughout
- Hazel coppicing in compt. H and hornbeam and sycamore thinning in compt. E
- Haloed around a future veteran oak in compt.H
- Raised rustic path extended in compt.E and two footbridges installed near amphibian pond
- Infrastructure repairs throughout including stepping logs replacements in NPA
- 'Water Ranger' surveys checking the River Wey water quality started
- Replaced diesel panel van with a fully electric van

Antisocial behaviour across both sites:

- D-signs, noticeboards, chicanes, gates and poo bag dispenser vandalised plus metal bin liners stolen!
- Attempted break in at Phoenix shed, locks and frame repaired. Padlocks stolen from Trenchard gate
- Metal discs stolen off BI waymarkers
- Several small fires in scrub areas and fire damage to rune table
- Graffiti on various infrastructure
- Threatening behaviour by local resident towards senior ranger. Police attended and warning issued
- Bikes including one electric, motorbikes and moped, mobility scooters, shopping trolleys, lawn mower, 8 bags of household waste, garden and building waste, animal bones, broken glass
- 23+ bags of aluminium cans to Hollywater school
- 14+ bins of glass to Tesco's

Working with volunteers:

The variety of habitats provide interest for the number of visitors who use the sites. These habitats are managed and maintained by the rangers in conjunction with several volunteer groups. During the course of the year, we have had on the LNR and Bordon Inclosure: (see page.5 for more information).

- Monday Volunteers – 29 out of 42 possible sessions with an average of 12 per session
- Thursday 'Dibben Adult Mental Health' Volunteers – 31 out of 42 sessions with an average of 4
- Bordon Inclosure 'Weekend Warriors' – 9 sessions with an average of 6
- Total amount of volunteering (including students) = 2374 Hrs or 297 Days equivalent to £19,941

We were also blessed with several work experience and DoE students (Yr.10 to Yr.12) over the last 12 months with 16 students putting in over 270 Hours of volunteering between them.

Severely hot summer weather 30+C and biblical rain hampered some work plans and volunteer workparties with 6 cancelled.

Flora and Fauna recorded:

- Birds – Barn and tawny owls, buzzard, red kite, sparrowhawk, water rail, heron, kingfisher, little egret, grey wagtail, mandarin duck, blackcap, chiffchaff, firecrest, redwings, siskins, woodcock and peacock!
- Mammals – Roe and muntjac deer, fox, badger, rabbit, mole, bank and short-tailed voles, wood and yellow-necked mice, common and pygmy shrew
- Bats – Common and soprano pipistrelle, Daubenton, noctule, brown long-eared
- Herps – Common lizard, slow worm, grass snake; Common frogs and toads, palmate and smooth newts
- Butterflies – Brimstone, comma, holly blue, large white, marbled white, meadow brown, orange tip, peacock, red admiral, ringlet, small copper, large & small skipper, speckled wood, small tortoiseshell
- Flora – Betony, birds-foot trefoil, celadines, creeping vetch, dog mercury and violets, few-flowered leek, forget-me-knots, hedge woundwort, hedge mustard, lord and ladies, marsh marigold, opposite-leaved saxifrage, pignut, ragged robin, snowdrop, stitchworts, wood anemone and sorrel
- Riverfly surveys performed on 22/4, 19/5, 29/6, 29/7 with 5/8 spp recorded

Staffing

The following training/conferences was received/attended:

- Outdoor First Aid; Working at Heights; Use of a Woodchipper, QGIS Beginners course; Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness course; Water Ranger training; Managing Dogs in the Countryside course
- SDNP Outdoor Education Network meeting; a combined ranger day with Blackwater Valley Partnership; Butterfly Conservation Records meeting; River Wey Partnership webinar; Land Trust annual conference

Health

There have been many social media postings and photographs relating to local people discovering the sites and feeling the benefit of its use.

Children have benefitted from the use of the natural play area and open space to be able to meet friends safely.

After meeting with disabled site users to discuss access and use of the sites, positive feedback was received as this ability to access the outdoors was extremely beneficial to mental wellbeing.

Runners, cyclists and walkers have used the site in order to keep active within the local area.

Education

As mentioned above we had 5 different students from 5 different schools/colleges (Yr.10 to Yr.12) on work experience. We had over 20 other local Nursey and Primary schools visit either self-lead or ranger-lead activities plus local Youth Club 94 activities resulting in over 700 children.

The DVT lead Junior Rangers group continued with a healthy waiting list and over 20 sessions were led by the DVT Community Ranger and assisted by other rangers.

We also lead 4 sessions with Hollywater special needs school with 10 of their Yr.10 DoE students each time.

The following schools had ranger lead activities; Woodlea Primary (60), Bordon Infants (48), HomeStart (45), Polly Anna's (26).

Economic

During other events throughout the year, we had a small amount of donations plus Friends of Deadwater membership totalling approx £100. All of these monies help with the on-going costs of managing the sites and running events. Other monies raised included:

- £50 from Whitehill Village Hall for sign installation
- £100 raised at Christmas events
- £500 donation from local resident
- £1250 for Walking for Peace event
- £1276 from EHDC Councillor funding
- £98,500 application submitted to EHDC S106 grant for Knox's Project phase.2 (access). Pending

Community/Social Cohesion

Events this year included:

- Larger events such as Blessing of the Bower (45), Duck Race (40), Jubilee Tea with the Queen (20) and Carols under the King (120), all being well attended
- Bat Walks x5 with various groups including uniformed groups, WI and general public
- Tots Rambles, Walking Groups, World Ranger Day, Tree Dressing and Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Halloween, Christmas, Half term and Easter trails. All designed to be easy to follow of varying lengths and worksheets have accompanied some of the trails and made available from Café 1759 or downloadable from DVT website
- During this past 12 months we have had 6 new Monday and 4 new Thursday volunteers join
- Led 45 Wednesday Walks in the local area with 3 new walkers (12 of these on either the LNR or BI)
- Other town wide events included; Bunnies about Town, Forest Community Centre Summer Fun Day, Queens Jubilee event, Blackmoor Apple Fair, Building 94 Youth Club, Woodlea school summer fete, Abri Café 1759 events, installed historical signs at Whitehill Village Hall, poles to Hollywater school

We have also led or hosted several 'uniformed groups' including local Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts groups from within the parish and the wider neighbourhood.

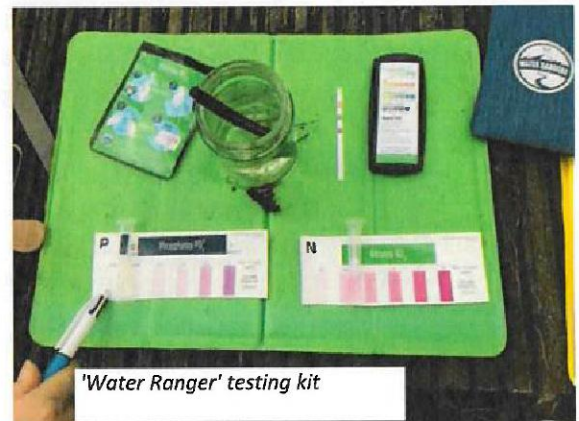
Volunteering Figures

Below are the figures for 'practical' volunteering over all three sites 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:

DAY	Sessions: LNR / BI / HI	AV / HIGH / LOW / NEW	TOTAL HRS (2021-2022)	EQUIVALENT TOO (@£8.40/Hr)
Monday	14 / 15 / 14	12 / 18 / 8 / 6	1536	£ 12,902
Thursday	23 / 8 / 11	4 / 6 / 2 / 4	334	£ 2,805
Saturday (BI)	9	6 / 10 / 2 / 4	106	£ 890
Saturday (HI)	11	6 / 9 / 3 / 2	126	£ 1,058
Students	N/A	7 students	182	£ 1,528
DoE Students	N/A	10 students	90	£ 756
Volunteer Totals (2021-2022 figures)	-	-	2374 (2865)	£ 19,941 (£ 24,066)

The reduction in overall figures from last year is mainly due to less work experience student hours (i.e. Sarah Perryman who is now a member of staff), but also the lower Thursday numbers which is beyond DVT's control.

Photos from the year 2022 - 2023



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**Celebrating
International World
Ranger Day**

Friday July 29th

11am - 12 noon Come and see
a riverfly survey in action on the
river bend in Jubilee Park

11am - 1pm Join a Ranger led walk from the
Bordon Inclosure car park through to the
Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and
return, taking in the above riverfly survey
along the route.

Free To Attend
No Booking
Required

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Knox's pond refugia



Knox's pond dredging and tree work



Dumped scooter



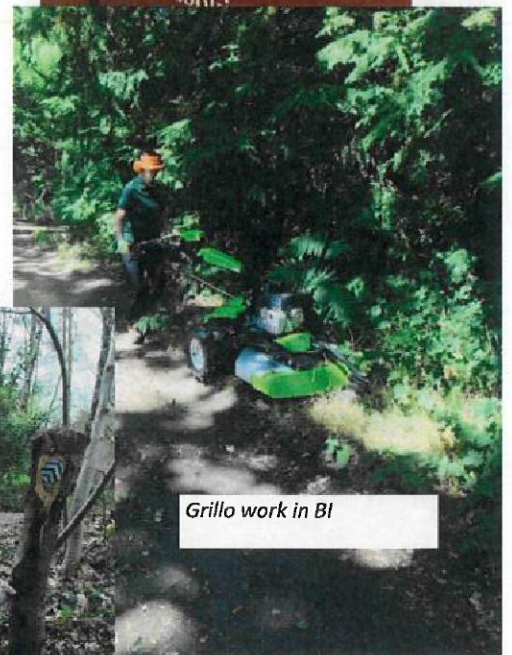
The Queens of DVT !



Newest DVT Ranger !



Grazing in meadow



Grillo work in BI



Green Loop waymarkers this way



Grass snake



Volunteer scrub bash at Walldown



Path side clearance



Fencing Volunteer workparty



Chestnut production



New bridge in Alexandra Park



Duck Race on the mighty Deadwater

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This aim of this report is to provide an overview of the site, what investment goes into the site, what the site is made up of and then what the outcomes are.

The outputs, outcomes and impacts section are to highlight key successes and results.

Don't feel pressure to provide everything – focus on about 3 or 4 key successes for each section, real life stories / testimonials/ quotes, which can provide evidence for how the site and your efforts are making a difference.

Do also send photos of activities / events / people to support what you are saying and attach these to the email, referencing these as appropriate. Please ensure that you receive permission to use photographs and/or stories and case study information.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MANAGING PARTNER

Site Name	Hogmoor Inclosure
Managing partner	Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT)
Lead Ranger	Brendan Finnegan
Size of the site	54ha
Background	<p>This report covers the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023</p> <p>Hogmoor Inclosure is an expanse of largely afforested heath previously used as a military training area. Since being designated a SANG it has been managed on behalf of Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Company by DVT, and since 1st October 2020 has been managed by DVT on behalf of the Land Trust.</p>

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LAND TRUST ESTATES MANAGER)

Land Trust (LT) Inputs	
Inputs	Amount
Size of investment (endowment (lump sum) / total annual service charge)	
LT staff time – LT employed rangers only	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MANAGING PARTNER

Site Inputs	
Inputs	Amount
Total Annual Management spend	£68,600
Total additional funding received (e.g. grants, donations)	£742

Characteristics of the site and amenities

Hogmoor Inclosure comprises Scots Pine dominated coniferous plantation with elements of secondary broadleaf woodland and scrub in a gently undulating landform. Slopes, ruts and channels formed by military vehicles have produced a micro-topographical diversity. Remnant dry heathland occurs toward the south of the site with heathy fringes occurring along the woodland edge. Bare ground microhabitats have been created through historical use. Foreys Pond is a seasonal waterbody succeeding into reedbed and Willow Carr. Other ephemeral ponds exist on the site. There is a large play area to the north of the site. Evidence of the past military use has been retained in the form of a radar trailer and Bofors Gun emplacement (designated as a historical monument).

There is a café, toilet block and education room next to the car park but these buildings are not managed by DVT. The 100-space car park is managed by DVT.

Paths are provided for new and existing residents in the area to walk, with or without a dog, in the area as an alternative to nearby SPAs and SACs.

Natural Environments				
Site	Quantity or Y/N	Quality Poor (P), Fair (F), Good (G)	Size Actively Managed (ha/m)	Additional Detail (if required)
Amenity grassland (ha)	N			
Other grassland (ha)	Y	G	2ha approx	Acid grassland. Mesotrophic grassland.
Hedgerows (metres)	N			
Wetlands (ha)	N			
Rivers / streams (metres)	N			
Woodland (ha)	Y	G	34.7ha	Scots Pine dominated coniferous plantation with secondary broadleaf woodland.
Scrub (ha)	Y	G	11.6ha	
Other habitat - specify	Y	G	0.625ha	Existing heathland.
		G	7ha	Remnant heathland.
		F	Widespread	Bare Ground.
		F	0.01ha	2 ponds. (1 in play area).
		F		2 ephemeral ponds.
SUDS (yes/no)	N			Ditches.

Site	Quantity or Y/N	Additional Detail (if required)
Built Environment		
Artwork / Sculptures (no.)	Y	9 Sentinels. 20 Waymarkers.
Car park (no.)	Y	100 marked bays inc 5 disabled bays.
Concrete weirs, drainage culverts (no.)	Y	2 wooden bridges
Furniture (no.)	Y	5 wooden benches
Health facilities (no.)	N	
Homes for Nature (no.)	Y	4 Bird boxes installed by DVT. Approx 30 bird boxes (various species) installed by Ecological Planning & Research Ltd (EPR). Approx 30 Bat boxes installed by EPR. 1 bat bunker. 1 bat maternity roost. 1 bug hotel installed by DVT.
Outdoor classroom/forest school area (no.)	Y	Concrete foundation for Bird Viewing Hide.
Paths (km)	Y	6.2 km of signed main paths. with a further approx. 5km of minor cross paths/desire lines.
Play areas (no.)	Y	1 (large)
Pond dipping platform (no.)	N	
Signage/ Interpretation / Notice boards (no.)	Y	11 various
Visitor centre / community building (no.)	Y	Hogmoor Café. Toilet block. 'Beehive' community facility but not managed by DVT
Usage		
Friends group (y/n)	N	
Livestock, sheep, cattle, conservation grazing (y/n)	N	
Other (specify)	Y	'Hogmoor Heroes' is a volunteer group meeting monthly plus regular Monday and Thursday volunteers to assist the rangers in habitat management.
Categories / Designations		
Green Flag (y/n)	N	Judging was performed on 1 st March 2023 and awaiting final decision
Conservation designation / status	Y	SANG and SINC.

Outcomes / Benefits

(This relates to the overall benefits achieved as a result of the support and management – for example how the site is making a positive contribution to the local area/community)

Environment and Biodiversity

This report covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

After reconsideration following the previous year's cancellation, on 15th April Hogmoor Inclosure again hosted the 'Secrets of the Heath' event. This annual event, organised by the South Downs National Park, seeks to educate about the history of the site as well as providing fun, games and re-enactments to stimulate the local residents as well as educating them about the history of the site. Over the course of the day, a range of free activities from bug safaris, nature crafts, meet the reptile stand and species identification challenges encouraged local families to learn more about their local heathland habitat and the efforts being made to look after this threatened habitat. The event also provided the opportunity to display our new Tramper vehicle which will be available for less able visitors to access the site in Spring 2023



Tramper vehicle at Secrets of the Heath

The Tramper has been provided by South Downs National Park Authority and will be maintained and administered by DVT and hired out by the Whitehill and Bordon Community Trust.

The variety of habitats provide interest for the number of visitors who use the site. These habitats are managed and maintained by the rangers in conjunction with a number of volunteer groups. During the course of the year we have had 14 Monday groups with an average of 12 Volunteers per session. There are also a dedicated team of 'Hogmoor Heroes' who carry out tasks on the third Saturday of every month. There were 11 sessions with an average of 6 volunteers per session. A further volunteer group of adults with mental health needs referred from the NHS also carried out 11 sessions with an average of 4 volunteers.

We were also blessed with several work experience students (Yr.10 to Yr.12) over the last 12 months with 5 students putting in 33 days of volunteering between them.

The rangers also guided 7 sessions of a local Wednesday Walkers group within an average of 4 per walk.



Volunteers pulling pine saplings

DVT carry out regular inspections of equipment in the play area, including equipment near the Beehive and report/repair any defects. Weekly inspection reports are sent to Land Trust. This ensures any safety aspects are dealt with swiftly, not compromising the safety of users.



Damaged zip wire swing seat.



Graffiti since removed



Netting repair

The proximity of the site to urban dwellings means that fly- and garden rubbish-tipping are inevitable. With volunteers, DVT are continuing to remove rubbish from the site on a regular basis ensuring a 'cleaner' area as well as volunteers' gratification in cleaning an area near them.



Bags of wine bottles collected from Hogmoor Inclosure

May 2022 saw the installation of a new entrance sign to Hogmoor. The prominent sign ensures visitors now know exactly where the entrance is. The number of visitors to the site exceeded 600,000.



In July the Managing Partner hosted the annual Land Trust Conference and was awarded Community Space of the Year. Delegates attended a series of workshops followed by a tour of, and practical tasks in, the Inclosure.



On the 1st March 2023, Hogmoor was assessed for Green Flag accreditation. This prestigious award would be of great benefit to the site and enhance the reputation of the Land Trust in this area. We await the result with interest!

Tell us about any species of local / regional / national significance reported on site and mark appropriate categories. Add extra lines as needed up to about 15-20 entries

(Examples are of Flora and Fauna recorded since 1 April 2022.)

Fauna (examples provided – please add/delete as necessary)	Estimate population size	Status e.g. migrant /breeding /wintering / foraging	Does species require active management? (Y/N)	If yes, is species incl. in LT Site Biodiversity Statement?	Additional info e.g. Locally Significance / priority species / newly established
Woodlark	Y	Breeding			
Badger	Y	Breeding			Badger sett on-site
Nightjar	Y	Foraging			
Buzzard	4	Breeding pair			
Kestrel	Y				
Sparrowhawk	Y				
Firecrest	Y				
Goldcrest	Y				
Crossbill	Y				
Bullfinch	Y				
Chiffchaff	Y				
Mallard	Y				
Grayling	Y				
Clouded Yellow	N				
Small Copper	Y				

Grass Snake	Y				
Common Lizard	Y				
Slow worm	Y				
Roe Deer	Y				
Field Vole	Y				
Smooth Newt	Y				
Palmate Newt	Y				
Common Toad	Y				
Habitat (examples provided – please add/delete as necessary)	Size	Expanding/contracting	Active management	LT policy inc	Status
Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land	Y		Walk-behind brushcutter and clearing saw work along ride edges		
Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	15ha	Stable	Felling of unstable trees. Removal of invasive species		
Lowland acid grassland	2.03ha		Mowing.		
Scots Pine dominated coniferous plantation	20ha	Stable	Selective thinning and removal of large specimens	As per Management Plan	
Lowland heath	7.625ha	Expanding	Cutting/Pulling invasive gorse, pine and birch saplings.		
Bare Ground	Large area along tracks		Clearance of vegetation from south facing banks.		

Tell us about any species of local / regional / national significance reported on site and mark appropriate categories.
Add extra lines as needed up to about 15-20 entries

Flora (examples provided – please add/delete as necessary)	Estimated population size	Does species require active management? (Y/N)	Additional info e.g. Local / National significance
Coral-necklace (<i>Illecebrum verticillatum</i>)	Small	N	Introduced from Devon via tank tracks.
Bird's-foot-trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>)	Small	N	
Heather (<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>)	Small	Y	On-going surveys suggest that the density of Heather is increasing.
Cross-leaved Heath (<i>Erica tetralix</i>)	Small	Y	
Bilberry (<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>)	Small	Y	

Note any alien / invasive plants onsite and actions for management
See Appendix 1 for list of examples. Add more lines if need be.

Species on site (examples provided – please add/delete as necessary)	Level of invasion Widespread (W) or Isolated (I)	Action: Elimination (E); Control (C); No measures (No)
Buddleja (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>)	I	C
New Zealand Pygmyweed (<i>Crassula helmsii</i>)	I	C. Chemical Sprayed. On-going monitoring.
Cotoneaster (<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>)	I	C
Cherry Laurel (<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>)	I	C
Rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>)	I	C

Health

There have been many social media postings and photographs relating to local people discovering the site and feeling the benefit of its use.

Children have benefitted from the use of the playpark and open space to be able to meet friends safely within guidelines.

After meeting with disabled site users to discuss access and use of the site positive feedback was received as this ability to access the outdoors was extremely beneficial to mental wellbeing.

Regular Park Run and Junior Park Run sessions continue to maintain attendance in excess of 250 runners.

One annual permit has been granted for a term time weekly Boot Camp.

One annual permit has been granted for a local Barnardo's group meet to provide walk and talk opportunities for parents of babies and infants.

Four annual permits have been granted for orienteering groups who are averaging 200 runners per visit.

Tots Rambles have restarted with a consistent number of attendees. These walks allow for local parents and carers to meet and socialise and for children to engage with each other and the environment.

A local private school held an interschool cross country event which involved just under 600 pupils. There is interest in making this an annual event.

Activities have been organised to support the work of HomeStart Hampshire with families.

Installation of new toddler playground equipment has been very positively received and resulted in many more visits from young families.



Runners, cyclists and walkers continue to use the site in order to keep active within the local area.

Education

As mentioned above we had 5 different students from 5 different schools/colleges (Yr.10 to Yr.12) on work experience.

Over 20 local Nursery and Primary schools visited either self-lead or ranger-lead activities plus the local Youth Club. 94 activities resulting over 700 children. We are also aware that the site is visited by groups without prior contact with us.

There have been a number of visits from SEN schools.

The DVT led Junior Rangers group continues with a healthy waiting list. Over 12 sessions were led by the DVT Community Ranger and assisted by other rangers.

Four sessions with the local special needs school were attended by 10 of their DoE students each time.

Bug hunts, dusk chorus, dawn chorus, bird box construction and reptile activities for the public delivered information and the chance to get hands on.

Secrets of the Heath was a platform for conservation groups to share information and knowledge with the public.

The new brass rubbing trail has been promoted to local groups.

The local Home Education group use the site regularly now and plans are being made to work more closely with them.

Economic

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association 'Charity Walk for Peace' which was held on Hogmoor Inclosure for the first time in May 2022 and was a great success. This has been repeated in May 2023. Over 20 local charities were involved with around 300 people performing the 5Km walk. Because of DVT's involvement we received a cheque for £1250 in 2023.



During other events throughout the year, we had a small amount of donations. All of these monies help with the on-going costs of managing the site and running events.

Our ongoing policy of providing free/token payment events and activities continues to be a very positive draw for local families, especially during recent months. Many people would not be able to pay to attend and being able to provide these experiences positively engages local families and gives them a sense of ownership of the site.

Community /Social Cohesion

Self-guided trails have meant that families and local residents have been able to access the site throughout the year.

Events for this year have included:

- Easter, Summer, Half-Term, Halloween and Christmas events and trails
- Spring into Health event
- Dusk Chorus x1 and Bat Walks x6
- Joint events with SDNP rangers
- Weekly Park Runs, both senior and junior
- Orienteering events including the POC
- Tots Rambles, Walking Groups and Macmillian Coffee Morning
- There has been a Halloween trail, Christmas trail and an Easter trail. The trails are designed to be easy to follow around a mile long route. Worksheets have accompanied some of the trails and have been made available for collection from the onsite café or downloadable from our website.
- During Coronation Week the sentinels wore Union Jack hats and the play area fort flew the Union Flag



During key events such as Christmas and Easter the sentinels around the Inclosure have been decorated to reflect the event, at Christmas each statue received a Christmas hat or scarf and at Easter they wore Bunny Ears. We also added poppies for Remembrance week.

During the Christmas period the Inclosure was also invaded by Elves who were photographed up to mischief mimicking the 'Elf on the Shelf' trend. This was posted to social media.

A new 'brass-rubbing' trail was installed by LT contractors in March 2023 which has proved popular. An accompanying leaflet was also produced and these plus crayons are available and free to use from the Café.



Local walking groups continue to use the site however they do not inform us of this so we do not have a record of numbers.

We have also led or hosted several 'uniformed groups' including local Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts groups from within the parish and the wider neighbourhood.

Appendix 1

Example alien / invasive plants
American Rum Cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)
American skunk cabbage (<i>Lysichitum americanum</i>)
Buddleja (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>)
Canadian fleabane (<i>Conyza canadensis</i>)
Floating pennywort (<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>)
Giant hogweed (<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>)
Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>)
Japanese knotweed (<i>Fallopia japonica</i>)
Least duckweed (<i>Lemna minuta</i>)
Lodgepole pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i>)
New Zealand pygmyweed (<i>Crassula helmsii</i>)
Parrots Feather (<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>)
Pirri-pirri bur (<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>)
Rhododendron (<i>Phytophthora</i>) (<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>)
Shallon (<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>)
Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)
Water fern (<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>)

Deadwater Valley Trust

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ending 31st March 2023

Receipts

		<u>LNR</u>	<u>B/I</u>	<u>H/I</u>
Grants				
Service Contract	163,484.67	50,275.00	44,609.54	68,600.13
Home Start	187.50	187.50	-	-
Donations	3,524.09	2,899.09	625.00	-
Fund Raising	537.83	537.83	-	-
Sale of Goods/Services	2,242.52	-	1,500.00	742.52
	<u>169,976.61</u>	<u>53,899.42</u>	<u>46,734.54</u>	<u>69,342.65</u>

Payments

Labour	110,452.92	40,184.79	38,433.37	31,834.76
Rent	5,250.00	1,750.01	1,750.01	1,749.98
Telephone	613.08	244.36	184.36	184.36
Insurance	3,500.31	1,689.75	1,689.75	120.81
Office Expenses	1,294.36	547.92	426.43	320.01
Photocopies	119.88	60.00	59.88	-
Travel	227.02	130.83	96.19	-
Site Maintenance & Tools	27,158.61	8,322.18	4,435.03	14,401.40
Vehicle	17,557.96	1,942.86	12,724.55	2,890.55
Training	670.40	35.00	372.00	263.40
Protective Clothing	1,551.13	319.32	175.48	1,056.33
Volunteers	126.09	39.07	59.51	27.51
Occupational Health	790.00	395.00	-	395.00
	<u>169,311.76</u>	<u>55,661.09</u>	<u>60,406.56</u>	<u>53,244.11</u>

Nett Receipts/Payments	664.85	-	1,761.67	-	13,672.02	16,098.54
Brought F'wd from 2021	180,752.90		129,503.13		34,568.15	16,681.62
	181,417.75		127,741.46		20,896.13	32,780.16
Transfer to Savings	100,000.00					
Balance @ Bank	<u>81,417.75</u>					

Invested Funds 104,423.34

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Deadwater Valley Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, set out above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 (3) (a) of the 1993 Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, as amended); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

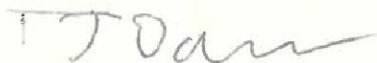
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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