



Annual Report and Accounts for the  
period

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the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve  
and  
Bordon Inclosure



and

The Land Trust for  
Hogmoor Inclosure



#### *About our Front Cover:*

*The picture on this year's front cover was painted by Louise Mizen Ferguson and depicts the rare Black Throated Thrush that visited her garden, on the edge of the River Wey and the Bordon Inclosure, last summer. This was only the second time this type of bird has been seen in Hampshire and its location was kept secret to all except serious bird watchers who travelled great distances to view the visitor ... and happily donated for the pleasure.*

*Our thanks to Louise who gifted not only the £605 donations to the Deadwater Valley Trust but also a copy of the painting to help support our conservation works.*



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*Speckled Wood, Local Nature Reserve*



*Broad-bodied Chaser, Hogmoor*



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2025 Annual Report for the Deadwater Valley Trust. The past year has been one of significant progress and collaboration, demonstrating the power of our collective efforts in protecting and enhancing our natural heritage.

We are grateful to Whitehill Town Council for entrusting us with the management of the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Bordon Inclosure, and similarly to The Land Trust for entrusting us with Hogmoor Inclosure. Together these valuable areas total over 100 hectares of wooded and open land.

The three distinct areas are all managed using their specific management plans.

The Local Nature Reserve is managed primarily for wildlife and the local communities' enjoyment of this. This year we focused on providing more bird boxes in the ancient meadow for raptors. There was continued management of the area with the never-ending removal of invasive species. This past year we researched other ways of removing it, especially the bamboo. Over the next year, with the help of specialist contractors, the Trust will try and greatly reduce it from the reserve.

The other two sites, Hogmoor Inclosure and Bordon Inclosure, are designated as Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace ("SANG"), so their management is slightly different, as they are used by people more intensively. Over the year we have had to tackle the problems caused by overuse, litter and vandalism. This has been ameliorated by more volunteer time spent litter picking and more bins being provided as well as looking to educate people to look after their area.

Additionally, we are into the second year of our programme of Kestrel conservation with the Hawk Conservancy Trust, which includes the installation and monitoring of raptor nest boxes which have been installed in both Hogmoor Inclosure and the Nature Reserve. Kestrel numbers have been reducing since the 1970's and the DVT hope to play our part in reversing the decline of this now "Amber-listed" species.

Both these SANGs have seen more and more events and regular activities taking place in the form of both practical conservation and educational activities. Over the next year the carparking will be improved at Hogmoor and we hope to facilitate the use of these areas for alternative provision for young people in the area.

Again, as with the last year, it is so evident how much the people of Whitehill and Bordon and the surrounding areas rely on these three amazing areas for their fitness and wellbeing and we will endeavour to continue to protect and manage them for our growing population.

The Trust's ranger team is made up of the Senior Countryside Ranger, Rebekah Searle, with Julie Reid as Community Ranger plus three Countryside Rangers: Sarah Perryman together with Claire Oughtred and Joe Murrey who both joined us in 2025. Rebekah is presently on maternity leave and Julie and Sarah have kindly taken on the role of Senior Ranger until Rebekah returns.





The ranger team is supported by a group of volunteers, without whose regular contributions we would not have been able to achieve all the tremendous work done in the past year, with a special mention to David Allen who has helped us out enormously by his very regular litter picking in Hogmoor.

Our Board of Trustees meets frequently, both as a group and with the rangers to discuss and support the day-to-day work of the Trust. Alongside the volunteer Trustees we enjoy valuable advice and guidance from the representative Trustees appointed by Hampshire County Council, Debbie Curnow-Ford, and East Hampshire District Council, Angela Glass. We are grateful for their ongoing help and support.

Financially, the Trust remains in a stable position. Our income has exceeded our expenses and over the years this has enabled us to slowly build up a modest reserve.

During the past year we were honoured that Hogmoor Inclosure was again awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award which recognises well managed parks and green spaces and sets the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

While we celebrate our achievements, we also acknowledge the ongoing challenges posed by climate change and biodiversity loss. We are confident that with your continued support, we can make an even greater impact.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners and especially the people of Whitehill and Bordon for their huge support in everything we do and especially for all the positive recognition they give the Trust on social media. Your passion and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do. Thank you for being part of our journey.

Yours sincerely

Nora Dobson  
Chair of the Deadwater Valley Trust





## THE DEADWATER VALLEY TRUST'S OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Deadwater Valley Trust (“DVT”) are focussed on the management of local nature reserves in Whitehill, Bordon and the surrounding areas.

Specifically, the DVT looks to:

- preserve, enhance, conserve, restore and promote the natural and man-made features of the local nature reserves relevant to their ecology, geology, archaeology and history; and
- promote and develop interest, research, appreciation and knowledge relating to the local nature reserves for the education and benefit of the public.

In practise, the following are our key focus areas:

### **Conservation & Habitat Management**

- Maintain and restore habitat types - ponds, heathland, woodland, and wet areas, as core to biodiversity goals.
- Continue projects like Knox’s Pond restoration and complementary boardwalk improvements to enhance access and ecosystems.

### **Community Health & Wellbeing**

- Leverage the Trust’s green spaces to support physical and emotional wellbeing, aligning with NHS “Healthy New Town” objectives via Prince Philip Park network.
- Expand public engagement through guided walks, Junior Rangers program, wildlife events and outdoor learnings.

### **Education & Heritage Promotion**

- Utilise rich local heritage - ancient forest remains, Civil War earthworks, Bronze Age tumuli - to anchor educational programs.
- Host community events (e.g., “Secrets of the Heath”) that weave storytelling, local history, wildlife and hands-on learning.
- Highlight award-winning stewardship, such as the Land Trust’s Community Space of the Year Award for Hogmoor Inclosure 2022; Green Flag Awards etc.
- Promote DVT via local media, council newsletters, events and social media channels to attract visitors, volunteers and supporters.

### **Partnerships & Funding**

- Strengthen collaboration with Land Trust, Whitehill Town Council, Regeneration Company, South Downs National Park and community partners for resources and joint initiatives.
- Sustain and expand developer contributions and grants for project delivery and maintenance.



## TRUSTEES

### Appointment of Trustees

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Charity shall be directed by the Trustees.

Some Trustees are appointed and others are elected from the local community.

### Trustees during the year to 31 March 2025

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Nature of Appointment</b>
Nora Dobson	Chair	Throughout	Deadwater Valley Trust Conservation Volunteers
Bill Wain	Vice Chair	Throughout	Woolmer Forest Heritage Society
Bob Betteley	Treasurer	Throughout	Walldown Preservation Society
Grant Dawkins	Secretary	Throughout	Local Community representative
Paul Charman		Throughout	Local Community representative
John Bradstreet		Throughout	Local Community representative
Simon Brice		Throughout	Local Community representative
Debbie Curnow-Ford		Throughout	Hampshire County Council
Angela Glass		Throughout	East Hampshire District Council
Stefan Michal		Throughout	Friends of the Deadwater
Diana Tennyson		Throughout	Local Community representative









## DEADWATER VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE AND BORDON INCLOSURE

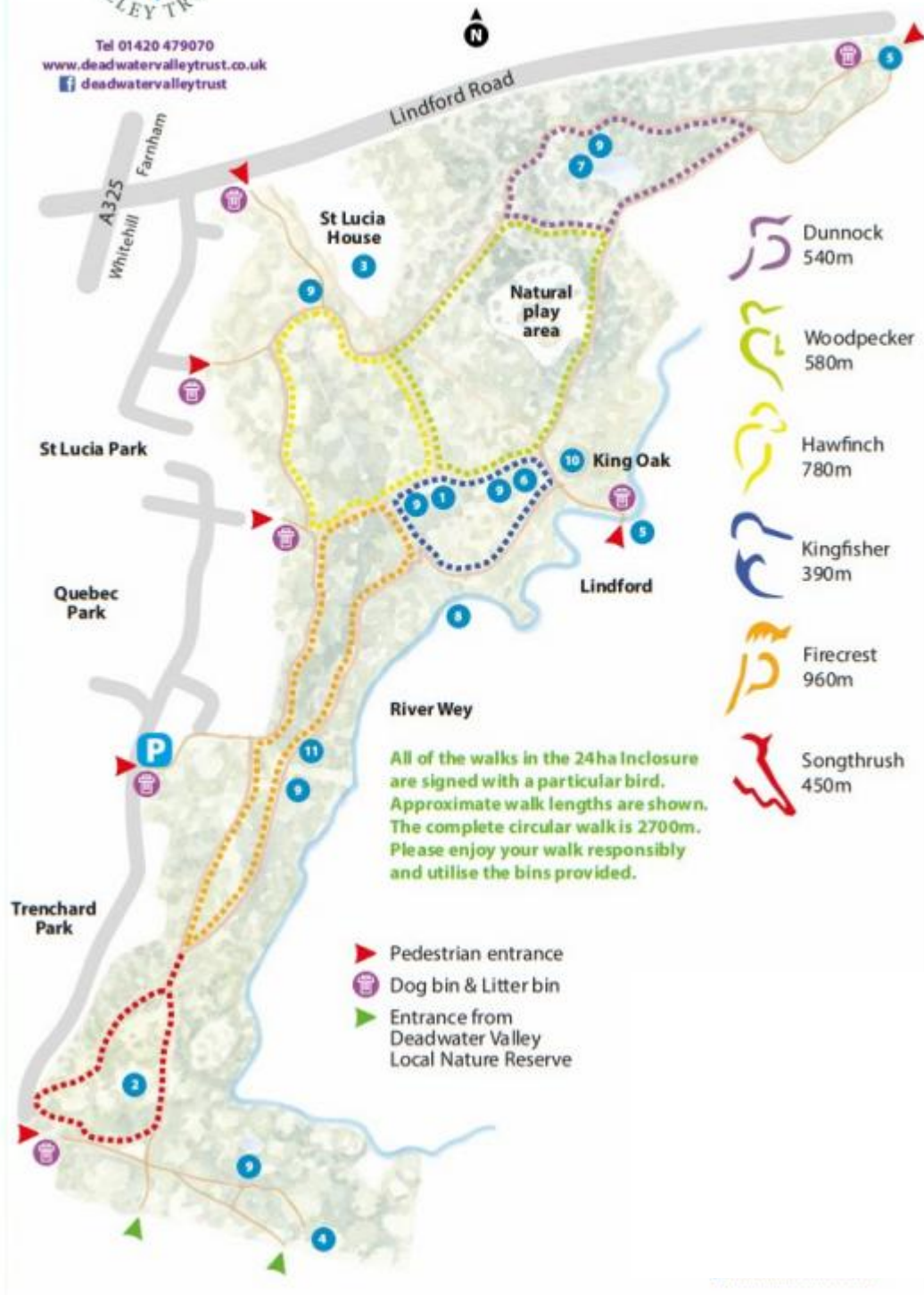


*Volunteers working in Bordon Inclosure*



# Walks in Bordon Inclosure

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## **THE DEADWATER VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

### **Historical Roots**

The site lies within the former Woolmer Forest, a once-extensive area of heathland and woodland with a long history of human activity. The last deciduous woodlands of the forest were felled in 1578. The area was used by hunter-gatherers in the Mesolithic period, and Bronze Age people left behind barrows (burial mounds) in the area. Roman roads also passed through the wider region.

The land around the Deadwater River and the nearby area of Walldown was enclosed around 1864. This process, which converted common land into private property, was a significant event in the history of the English countryside. The various banks that cross the site today are believed to date from this time.

The British Army's involvement in the area began in 1863 when the War Office purchased a large tract of land for training. While the main barracks were built in Bordon, the Deadwater Valley area was also used by the military. Evidence of Civil War earthworks can also be found in the reserve. The presence of the military was a defining feature of the area for over a century, influencing its development and land use.

### **Current Status**

The Deadwater Valley was designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2001. This designation helps to protect the site's rich biodiversity and its various habitats, which include a pond, meadow, wet and dry heath, and woodland. The reserve is a living link to the area's natural heritage, providing an important green corridor that connects other Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

The Reserve is part of the "Green Loop," a network of footways and cycle paths that connect the town's green spaces and historical sites.

## **BORDON INCLOSURE**

### **Historical Roots**

Bordon Inclosure has a history that goes back to at least the 17th century, when it was part of the ancient Woolmer Forest. The area was later used by the British Army and some traces of this military past are still visible today.

### **Current Status**

In recent years, Bordon Inclosure has been transformed into a public green space. The inclosure features new footpaths, cycle tracks and picnic areas, making it a popular spot for outdoor activities.

The inclosure is known for its diverse wildlife, including a seasonal pond that is an important habitat for amphibians and reptiles. It is also part of the Shipwrights Way, a long-distance path. The recent improvements have opened up the area, encouraging a variety of plants and animals to flourish. The site also includes a natural play area and various sculptures and interpretation boards that highlight its history and environment.





<b>Site Names:</b>	Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve (“ <b>LNR</b> ”) and Bordon Inclosure (“ <b>BI</b> ”)
<b>Owned by or Leased to:</b>	Whitehill Town Council (“ <b>WTC</b> ”)
<b>Managed by:</b>	Deadwater Valley Trust (“ <b>DVT</b> ”)
<b>Size of the sites:</b>	LNR = 38 Hectares BI = 24 Hectares
<b>Background:</b>	<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 Ministry of Defence (“MoD”) land holding. Since being designated as 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 the nearby Special Protection Areas (“<b>SPA</b>”s) and Special Area of Conservation (“<b>SAC</b>”s) at Broxhead Common and Kingsley Common.</p>

<b>Characteristics of the sites</b>
<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 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.</p> <p>There is a large natural play area to the north of the site and an 8-space car park.</p>



Site amenities	
LNR and BI	Additional Detail and quantities
Built Environment	
Artwork/Sculptures	LNR – 6 Green Loop waymarkers and 1 sign. BI – 20 waymarkers, 2 metal artworks, 1 stone artwork, 2 wooden artworks, 2 Green Loop waymarkers and 1 sign.
Car park (with height barriers)	LNR – 10 unmarked bays inc 2 disabled bays. BI – 6 marked bays inc 2 disabled bays.
Boardwalks, Bridges, Concrete weirs, Drainage culverts, etc.	LNR – 8 boardwalks, 7 bridges, 2 brick structures. BI – 3 boardwalks, 18 bridges/mini boardwalks, 2 brick structures.
Furniture	LNR – 3 benches/seating, 12 pedestrian and 4 field gates, 10 chicanes/barriers, 3 stiles, 11 ‘D’ signs, 4 litter bins. BI – 7 benches/seating; 1 table; 6 pedestrian, 3 bridle and 3 field gates; 9 litter and 7 dog bins.
Homes for Nature	LNR – various bird and bat boxes, vertical and horizontal log piles. BI – various bird and bat boxes, vertical and horizontal log piles.
Play areas	BI – 1 natural play area.
Pond dipping platform	LNR – 2 at Knox’s Pond.
Signage/Interpretation/Noticeboards	LNR – 11 noticeboards, 19 interpretation boards. BI – 7 noticeboards. 7 interpretation boards
Usage	
‘Friends Of’ group	Friends Of The Deadwater & Hogmoor Deadwater Dispatch newsletter for volunteers and Friends Of reinstated for quarterly distribution.
Livestock, sheep, cattle, conservation grazing	LNR - 6 cattle grazed on the Ancient Meadow from 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.
Other (specify)	Bordon Inclosure ‘Weekend Warriors’ volunteers meet monthly for practical hand-on conservation plus regular Monday and Thursday volunteers assist the rangers in habitat management.
Categories / Designations	
Conservation designation/status	LNR – Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (“ <b>SINC</b> ”). BI – SANG and SINC.

*Throughout the year all of the above listed infrastructure required periodic checking, repairing where necessary and/or removal and replacement due to anti-social behaviour, environmental damage or general wear-and-tear.*



## Environment and Biodiversity

### Main work or highlights of the year included:

#### Local Nature Reserve

- The tackling of invasive species continued, predominantly the removal of bamboo, rhododendron and Himalayan balsam.
- Ongoing maintenance/repairs to site infrastructure such as the boardwalks and fencing.
- Hazardous trees identified and removed by Rangers or contractors.
- Vegetation along footpaths managed throughout the growing season.
- Scrub management at the Walldown Scheduled Ancient Monument ("SAM") with volunteers.
- Six cattle grazed the ancient meadow from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- Dead hedging and hazel fencing created at points along the Deadwater to block access from very eroded areas of the bank which need space to recover and were deemed unsafe. Also at Knox's pond to protect areas of habitat.
- Infrastructure audit completed on both the LNR and Bordon Inclosure.
- Donated barn owl box installed in the ancient meadow by the Hawk Conservancy Trust.
- Tawny owl box installed at Alexandra Park heathland.

#### Bordon Inclosure

- Installing log-lined path with volunteers to guide footfall.
- Removal of laurel/rhododendron a regular task with volunteers.
- Holly thinning.
- Windblown trees blocking footpaths removed.
- Encroaching vegetation cleared along footpaths.
- Cutting back Hemlock water dropwort along the boardwalk through the wet woodland.
- Ongoing maintenance/repairs to site infrastructure such as boardwalks and barriers.
- Clearing vegetation and aspen from ephemeral pond to encourage more open water and create a more varied depth structure to the pond.
- Removing dominant sycamore saplings in woodland clearing.
- Leaf-blowing of boardwalks throughout autumn.
- Maintenance of mink trap installed in partnership with the National Trust/River Wey Partnership.

### Antisocial behaviour across both sites

- Evidence/remains of numerous cold or smouldering small fires
- Graffiti on infrastructure
- Fly tipping
- Padlocks stolen from access gate multiple times
- Vandalism to site infrastructure
- Reports of illegal riding of motorbikes
- CCTV in Conde Way car park continues to appear successful. Incidents of fly tipping significantly reduced.
- Police response to a serious incident in the Alexandra Park area of LNR





### Working with volunteers

- 26 Monday volunteer sessions in the LNR and BI with an average of 13 volunteers at each session.
- 28 Thursday 'Dibben Adult Mental Health' volunteer sessions in the LNR and BI with an average of 3 volunteers at each session plus two new volunteers.
- 9 Saturday monthly volunteer sessions in Bordon Inclosure with an average of 4 volunteers at each session.
- Remembrance parade attended to support volunteer taking part

### Health

Our sites continue to be an important space for the local community to use for exercise and enjoyment, both benefiting people's physical and mental health.

Our programme of volunteering sessions and events give people the opportunity to enjoy physical exercise through practical conservation volunteer sessions or simply enjoying time in nature. Also the social aspect by attending our events such as our Easter walks, annual Duck Race and Carols under the King event at Christmas.

Bordon Inclosure and the Local Nature Reserve are smaller but provide a quieter space for people.

### Education

Led by the work of our Community Ranger, the Trust has continued its extensive programme of activities to engage with schools and local people.

Monthly Junior Ranger sessions were led on both BI and LNR from September to July. These sessions involve age appropriate ranger tasks, outdoor activities and skills

DVT ran educational sessions for Bordon Infant School (2 x classes of 30 pupils), two Scouts sessions for 16 Cubs with games and activities (including owl pellet dissection) and facilitated a pre-school Teddy Bear's Picnic (42 adults and their children). Bordon Junior School visit 2x year 4 classes with skulls and specimens to support science curriculum.

DVT also hosted 5 students of different ages from different schools/colleges and 4 x DoE sessions for Hollywater School.

Trust staff and trustees have undergone online training including Working from Height, Sexual Harassment and Safeguarding. The staff have also undergone practical training including NPTC Safe Use of Brushcutters, Handling of Pesticides and various chainsaw use.

DVT attended the Oakmoor and Trelors Careers Days

### Economic

DVT provide free/token payment events and activities which is a very positive draw for local families - 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 community ownership of the sites.

During other events throughout the year we have a small amount of donations – all of these help with the ongoing costs of managing the sites and running events.

Donations from two of our longstanding volunteers and from a local rare bird alert.



## Community/Social Cohesion

### Events this year included:

- Easter trail and activities events on both sites
- Blessing of the Bower event at Walldown SAM – 25 children, 30 adults
- Lindford fete attended
- Oakhanger May Fayre attended
- Hollywater School joined us for 4 DoE sessions
- Bordon Infant School Year 2 visited BI/LNR for a session on habitats and life cycles
- Summer holiday activities, trails and crafts
- Halloween half term activities, trails and crafts
- LNR Duck Race and first Business Duck Race inviting sponsorship from local companies
- LNR Woodland Fayre
- BI pancake race
- BI Sunset Festival with Phoenix Arts
- Stall at Blackmoor Apple Tasting
- Tree dressing activity on both sites over the Christmas break
- Carols at the King event held at the King Oak in the Inclosure
- Supported Trelors first careers day
- Supported local SEN child with litter picking event in BI
- Worked with Hampshire Youth Offending Team 1x participant in BI
- Presentation to Grayshott Fisheries AGM
- Ran a number of Green Loop Walks throughout the sites



*Ongoing board walk repairs in BI*



*Remembrance Day Parade*



*Windblown tree in LNR*



*Volunteers working in BI*



*Common Lizard,  
Alexandra Park*



*Business Ducks ready to race in  
LNR*



*Dragonfly resting on heather*

## **HOGMOOR INCLOSURE**



*Volunteers on Forey Pond*





**Map of Hogmoor Inclosure**



## **Hogmoor Inclosure**

### **Historical Roots**

Hogmoor Inclosure has a long history of military use. Before the town of Bordon was built as an army camp by the Royal Engineers, the area was part of the ancient Woolmer Forest. The British Army acquired the land in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was first used as an army camp in 1903 by the Somerset Light Infantry, who had returned from the Second Boer War. It was primarily used for army training, including with tracked vehicles like tanks, due to its sandy soil which mimicked conditions in various deployment areas. Remnants of this history, such as tank crossings and "dragon's teeth" (concrete blocks used to impede tanks), can still be found. The military's presence in the area ended around 2015.

### **Current Status**

Following the military's departure, Hogmoor Inclosure was transformed into a public green space as part of the wider regeneration of Whitehill and Bordon. It is now designated as a "Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace" ("SANG") and has one of the largest footfalls of the Land Trust's sites.

The area is a haven for wildlife and offers a variety of recreational activities, including walking, running, cycling, and a large natural play area. The site also features a café and a free car park.





<b>Site Name:</b>	Hogmoor Inclosure
<b>Owned by or Leased to:</b>	The Land Trust
<b>Managed by:</b>	Deadwater Valley Trust ("DVT")
<b>Size of the sites:</b>	54 Hectares
<b>Background:</b>	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.

#### Characteristics of the sites

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 residents in the area to walk, with or without a dog, as an alternative to nearby SPAs and SACs.

Awards won by DVT for the Hogmoor Inclosure;

- 2024 The Land Trust Health Site of the Year.



*Brown long-eared bat being gently handled by a licenced professional*





Site amenities	
Hogmoor Inclosure	Additional Detail and quantities
Built Environment	
Artwork / Sculptures	9 Sentinels. 20 Waymarkers. Artwork in bird hide.
Car park	100 marked bays inc 5 disabled bays.
Concrete weirs, drainage culverts	2 wooden bridges
Furniture	6 wooden benches
Homes for Nature	4 Bird boxes installed by DVT. Approx 30 Bat boxes. 1 bat bunker. 1 bat maternity roost. 1 bug hotel. 1 Kestrel box. 1 tawny owl box.
Outdoor classroom/forest school area	Concrete foundation for Bird Viewing Hide. Newly installed bird hide made from reclaimed shipping container with green roof.
Paths	6.2 km of signed main paths. with a further approx. 5km of minor cross paths/desire lines.
Play areas	1 very large play area with flying fox, climbing frames etc
Signage/ Interpretation / Notice boards	11 various. 1 new lockable notice board installed at play area entrance
Visitor centre / community building	Hogmoor Café. Toilet block. 'Beehive' community facility but not managed by DVT
Usage	
Friends group	Friends of The Deadwater & Hogmoor Deadwater Dispatch newsletter for volunteers and Friends Of reinstated for quarterly distribution.
Other	'Hogmoor Heroes' is a volunteer group meeting monthly plus regular Monday and Thursday volunteers to assist the rangers in habitat management. The new groups that were the fourth Wednesday and fourth Sunday of each month have been discontinued due to low numbers.
Categories / Designations	
Green Flag	Awarded in 2023,2024 & 2025
Conservation designation / status	SANG and SINC.



## Environment and Biodiversity

### Main work or highlights of the year included:

- Pine, birch and holly thinning.
- Bracken whacking
- Removal of non-native invasive species, such as cotoneaster
- Scrub management
- Special Projects Volunteer Group fitted new seats to gabions around the play area and retreated the wooden bins.
- Removing encroaching willow in Forey's Pond
- Scrub management through cutting and burning/collecting.
- Professor Matt Stevens from the Hawk Conservancy returned to install a tawny owl box at the southern end of compartment G6.

Thinning project has been delayed due to scheduled car park works.

Activities from November – February were not scheduled due to planned car park works

### Infrastructure:

- Weekly playground inspections have been carried out every week to ensure that the area is safe, any issues have been uploaded to SafetyCulture, a workplace operations platform and have been addressed by the appropriate people/contractors.

## Antisocial behaviour

- Evidence/remains of numerous cold or smouldering small fires. One lit on floor of birdhide causing damage
- Number of encampments built unsafely or using nails into living trees
- Bike track created by cutting down trees
- Off road dirt bikes
- Vandalism to site infrastructure – sentinel statue damaged

## Working with volunteers

- 16 Monday volunteer sessions with an average of 13 volunteers at each session.
- 11 Thursday 'Dibben Adult Mental Health' volunteer sessions with an average of 3 volunteers at each session plus two new volunteers.
- 9 Saturday monthly volunteer sessions with an average of 4 volunteers at each session.
- 7 Sunday monthly volunteer sessions with an average of 2 volunteers at each session.
- Remembrance parade attended to support volunteer taking part



## Health

Throughout the year on Hogmoor there has been a variety of events that have been promoting fitness and health, these include:

- Parkrun for both adults and kids (including seasonal runs)
- Races
- Orienteering groups
- Group walks (e.g. Tots walks, Ready Steady Mum's walks)
- A volunteer group that meets on Thursdays led by DVT – closed group for social prescribing

## Education

- 5x school visits involving 300 children
- 1x visit to school site
- Scouting and Guiding 7 visits from mixed groups approx. 160 children
- Dawn Chorus Walk and breakfast. 20 attendees, 17 adults and three children.
- 2x Green Loop Walks with Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust. 30 people of all ages.
- Secrets Of The Heath Community event
- DVTalks Inaugural public information talk
- Holiday Events Bugs at Hogmoor with South Downs National Park ("SDNP") and Backyard Bug Experience. Over 200 interactions
- Holiday Events: a Brimstones led family walk. 4 children and 3 adults. Community Ranger meet and greet.
- Holiday Events Bugs at Hogmoor with SDNP and Backyard Bug Experience.
- 3x Batwalk Scouting groups 60 children
- Community Event Blackmoor Apple Tasting. Information stall, craft and apple press. Over 200 interactions
- Community Event Beacon for Peace charity walk providing marshals for the site. 150 walkers
- Halloween Lights Trail - Over 300 children.
- Carols at Hogmoor School groups at Hogmoor for carols around the tree with WBCT
- Christmas At Hogmoor. Site Christmas event
- Oakmoor School careers day - Stall at school to discuss careers in conservation
- Trelors School careers day
- Phoenix Theatre. Providing natural craft workshop to support show
- DVTalk on SDNP with 35 attendees
- Presentation at Grayshott Fisheries AGM
- Wellbeing walk – DVT using Community Engagement budget to fund
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## Economic

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association 'Beacon Walk for Peace' was held on Hogmoor Inclosure in October 2024 – because of DVT's involvement we received a cheque for £450.

During other events throughout the year, we have a small amount of donations – all of these help with the ongoing 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:

- 'Spring into Health'
- Dawn chorus and bat walks
- Joint events with SDNP rangers
- Weekly parkruns, both senior and junior
- Walking groups
- Halloween and Easter trails – the trails are designed to be easy to follow around a mile long route.
- Spooky Lights Halloween Trail – successful evening event with approximately decorated woodland trail and storytelling in the Bofors site
- Easter egg hunt event took place over the Easter half term
- Supported at the Hogmoor Community Fun Day event at the Beehive/café
- Summer holiday activities – story telling trail, Backyard bug experience and teddy bear picnic
- Artwork was completed and installed in the new bird hide. This was done by a local artist with a local graphics company completing the installation. DVT are also looking at installing interpretation panels in the bird hide.



*Special Projects Group varnishing newly installed benches*



*Slow worms breeding*



*Den built using nails into living trees*



Volunteering Figures				
DAY	Sessions: LNR / BI / HI	AV / HIGH / LOW / NEW	TOTAL HRS (2024-2025)	EQUIVALENT TO (@£11.44/Hr)
Monday	14 / 12 / 16	13 / 18 / 9 / 7	1,088	£12,447
Thursday	15 / 13 / 11	3 / 7 / 1 / 4	190	£2,174
Saturday (BI)	9	4 / 8 / 1 / 0	64	£732
Saturday (HI)	9	5 / 10 / 3 / 0	106	£1,213
Sunday (HI)	7	2 / 4 / 1 / 2	36	£412
Students	N/A	1 student	70	£801
DoE Students	6 sessions	6 students (approx. at each session)	42	£480
<b>Volunteer Totals</b>			<b>1,596</b>	<b>£18,258</b>
The total amount of time the volunteers provided on all DVT sites during the year was 1,596 hours (or 200 days) which, if costed at the minimum wage of £11.44/hour, would be equivalent to <b>£18,258</b> .				





**DEADWATER VALLEY TRUST**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>£</u>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Service Contracts	235,099
Interest income	7,050
Donations	1,936
Other Revenue	600
Fund Raising	501
Event Revenue	288
	<u>245,473</u>

<b>Payments</b>	
Direct Wages	128,250
Site Maintenance and Tools	29,273
Office Expenses	8,623
Motor Vehicle Expenses	8,539
Community Engagement	6,506
Rent	6,450
Staff Training	6,329
Gabion Benches	6,030
Public Liability Insurance	3,302
Telephone and Internet	1,301
Protective clothing	862
Litter and vandalism	604
Travel	383
Printing and Stationary	203
Volunteers' costs	129
	<u>206,783</u>

Net Receipts/Payments	38,690
Brought forward from 2024	195,091
	<u>233,781</u>

<b>Represented by:</b>	
Cash at bank	67,232
Long term deposits	166,549
	<u>233,781</u>





## Notes to the Accounts

- The Accounts do not reflect any contingent liabilities that might arise if the DVT were to no longer be a going concern.
- The DVT's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc.
- The DVT has no debts other than short term amounts owing to staff and suppliers.
- The DVT does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee for any other party.
- The Trustees look to keep 13 weeks expenditure in an easily accessible bank account. The balance of the funds are held in a separate Charity Fund where it is easily realisable.





## **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 2025, 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 any 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 in accordance 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 06/11/2025

**Name:** Nicky Cole FMAAT

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