

Halesworth Millennium Green Trust



Work Plan Winter 2016 / 17

- ❖ The Action Plan (Jan 2016) lists *middle-& long-term actions* and is the source of this Work Plan
- ❖ *Cyclical practical tasks* are listed in “Action Spreadsheet: Tasks throughout the year”.
- ❖ *Objectives* are in the Management Plan under the para numbers listed here.
- ❖ Text in grey means less immediate action needed

B9 Folly Meadow

Work Party

1. Prune orchard trees
2. Mark up hazel for coppice, cut and protect cut stumps
Gill, Ken, Nicky, Sheila, Gabrielle will work on Orchard needs
3. Clear “new” ditch - hand pull bur-reed
4. Clear water soldier 75%
5. Extend Louise’s pond in southerly direction (towards ditch – possibly connect with ditch) and use excavated material to raise dip in track.

Management Support Group

6. Decide on strategy for “picnic area” including arable weed reserve. *Dale leading:-*
 - *Winter 2016 dismantling and removing the experimental arable weed plot*
 - *2017 bouncing ideas for what to do with that area.*

B10 The Folly (Always consider working The Folly with Rails End)

Work Party

1. Maintain areas of open grassland by clearance of bramble, scrub, sapling and young tree (oaks) and mowing as necessary
2. Carry out RA on trees to east of acid grassland with a view to lopping / felling
Richard to take advice from Paul Jackson as to RA need
3. Ensure footpaths are maintained to a high standard and ensure that access is available to as wide a cross section of the community as possible
4. Carry out further cross-sections to log the geological interest

Management Support Group

1. Complete interpretation for the Engine Shed.
Sal is liaising with SRT
2. Investigate with English Heritage the possibility of a suitable designation for the remains of the Southwold Railway

Land in non-Green ownership:

3. Work with the owners of Castle House on their part of the Folly and, if the opportunity arises in the future, seek to obtain the freehold of the site.
4. Pursue the acquisition of Network Rail land including the embankment to the SW of the old railway (between the two railway lines)
5. Re-establish the area behind Lark’s Rise (Network Rail land) as part of the Folly.

B10 Rails’ End (Always consider working Rails End with the Folly)

Work Party

1. Survey all trees to see whether any urgent work is needed for public safety. This should be done in conjunction with our neighbours.
Richard to take advice from Paul Jackson
2. Maintain footpath to provide adequate access to foot traffic.
3. Survey artefacts: preserve / move historic railway fencing and other materials

Management Support Group

4. Bensly's Drift: sort out our vehicular access currently prevented by padlock
5. Pursue replacement of electricity sub-station prison gates (Holton No 4)

B11 Angel Meadow

Work Party

1. Cut selected areas to encourage floral diversity, meadow species, leaving remainder undisturbed (consultation has produced desire for rough areas)
2. Make gravel hardstanding around new entrance board.

Management Support Group

3. Consider creating an entrance gate / feature at the junction with the Town Park

B12 Chestnut Meadow

Work Party

1. Remove fences between Meadow and towpath
2. Remove fences between Meadow and river

Management Support Group

3. Arrange to have Meadow flailed prior to reinstating late hay cut summer 2017
4. Improve vehicular access (3T restriction on bridge inhibits this)

B13 Lester's Piece

Work Party

1. Containers: prepare ground, install, fit out, equip.
2. Check fence and repair as necessary prior to cows returning spring 2017
3. Improve Blyth Road entrance by hedge planting

Management Support Group

4. Ensure any development proposals address access issues
5. Stile, access from Saxon's Way: no right of way here but keep an eye on it

B14 Blyth Meadow

Work Party

1. Restore the lock including speaking to Ivan, identifying trees to go this year, price from tree surgeon, we to clear up, treat cut stumps, improve access, interpretation.
2. Get tree surgeon to pollard willow - we to clear up.
3. Otter seat – reinforce bank, check stile, let in more light, renovate bower.
4. Check fence and repair as necessary

B15 Two Acres

Work Party

1. Trim hedges along Swan Lane
2. Trim railway hedge to level crossing
3. Mark up and pollard willows
4. Consider clearing path around wood – not sustained in the past

Management Support Group

5. Decide on future management strategy

B16 New Reach

See separate plan

All management objectives and actions for the New Reach are subject to discussion and agreement with Waveney District Council who own and are responsible for the New Reach.