



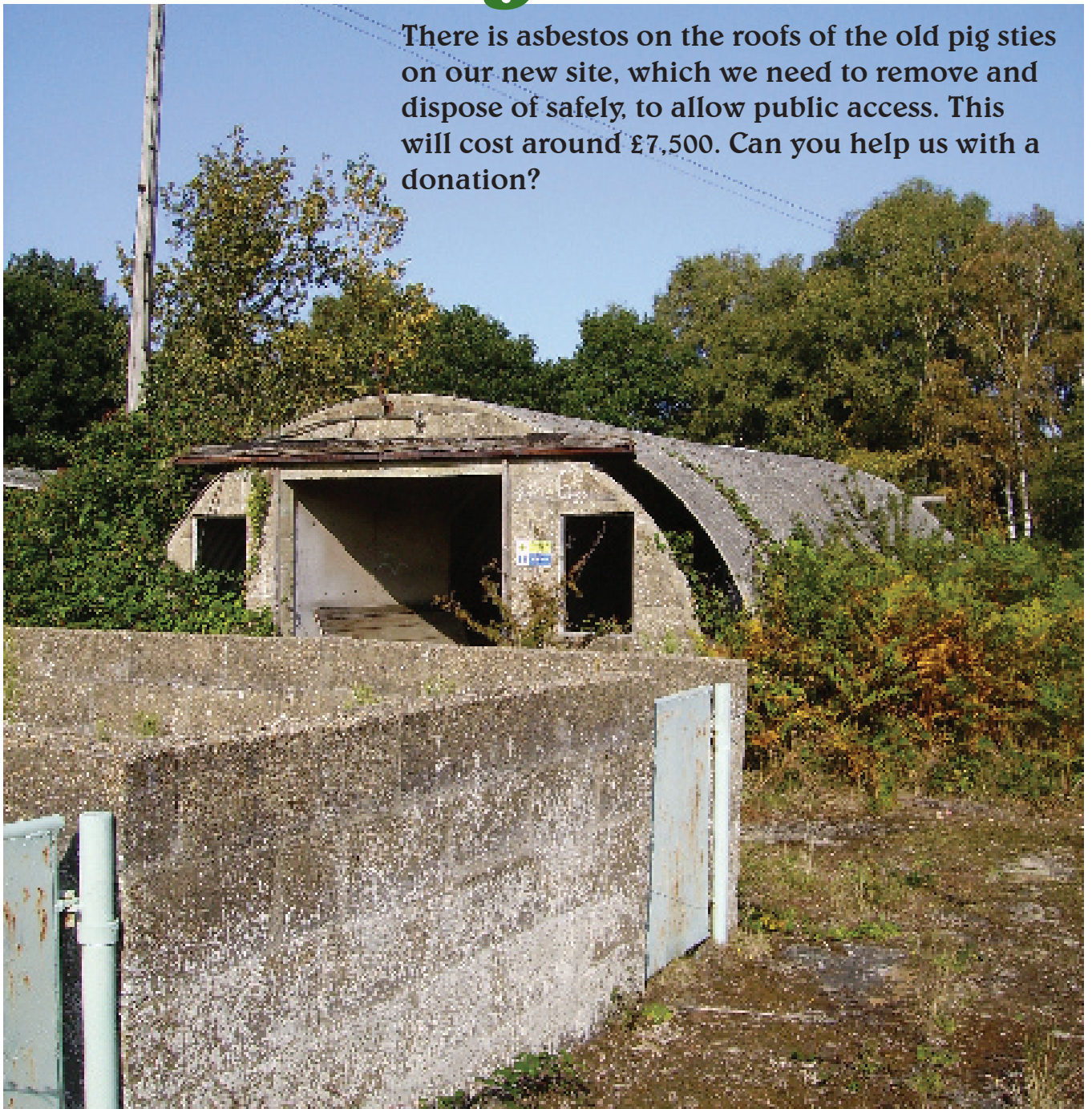
The
Blaxhall Commons & Open Spaces
Charitable Trust

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NEWSLETTER

It's A Pig Of A Job!

There is asbestos on the roofs of the old pig sties on our new site, which we need to remove and dispose of safely, to allow public access. This will cost around £7,500. Can you help us with a donation?



website: blaxhallcommonstrust.org.uk

The Blaxhall Commons and Open Spaces Charity AGM will be virtual this year!

Because of the problems we are having this year with viruses etc., the BCOS AGM is a Zoom meeting to be held at 2.00pm on 24 October. If you wish to join the meeting (and you are very welcome to do so), below are the details you will need.

Mark Oakley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: BCOS AGM

Time: Oct 24, 2020 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4323127957?pwd=NTBKcE9tS2NOSmZYZDYvRlFHM0psdz09>

Meeting ID: 432 312 7957

Passcode: BCOS

Further GREEN ACTIVITY DATES FOR 2020

Autumn Litter Pick

Anytime during the week commencing 24 October through to 31 October. Choose a time during this week and start and finish when you want. Collect a bag and pickers from outside of Vine Cottage, Ship Corner, anytime that week. Contact Eve Rossor for further information and equipment, everossor@gmail.com

Practical Conservation

Remember you can help conserve the nationally important Great Common at Blaxhall by joining Aleks Ford's work parties.

Contact Aleks on pogro57@gmail.com



On a grey day in July some of the Trustees and other helpers performed sterling work - bracken pulling. The consensus after the event is that machinery may do a better, quicker job!! Though bracken is, today, a major element in heathlands this was not always the case and bracken needs to be 'managed' to allow more delicate plants to thrive.

What the early 2020 surveys found on our new 'bit'

We are conducting some ecological surveys on our new piece of land. This Spring we found six species of nesting birds and 16 species of plants, (some rare). Also during the summer despite Lockdown, we have identified ten species of butterfly including Silver-studded Blue and Grayling using the area.



Remember Us In Your Will

As a small charity, gifts in wills (also known as legacies) are invaluable to the work we do. We depend on the generosity of people and organisations that support us in one way or another. We can supply further information if you wish to contact the BCOS Charity Secretary on everossor@gmail.com

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