



NEWSLETTER

Major new gift of land



Thanks to a generous donation from Mr Michael Prevost, lord of the manor, BCOST now owns the registered common land at Stone Common, together with the adjoining allotment land. This most generous gift will ensure that the common land and open space are preserved from development and remain accessible to all. To record our gratitude to the donor, we propose that the main track running through the site should from now on be known as Prevost's Path.

The Trust wishes to hear the views of residents of Stone Common and the village more widely on how the land should be managed in future, and to this end will be holding a public meeting at Blaxhall Village Hall at **2pm on Saturday 20 November**.

These are the kind of questions we would like you to think about before the meeting:

- ❖ What does the land at Stone Common mean to you?
- ❖ How do you use the land: working an allotment, dog walking, horse riding or other?
- ❖ How would you like to see it managed, now and in the medium to long term?
- ❖ Would you like to help the Trust as a volunteer, taking forward any agreed proposals?

The Trust exists to preserve and protect the rights of access and use to the Blaxhall Commons and Open Spaces, for residents and visitors alike. Acquisition of the land at Stone Common is an exciting new development for us and for the village, and we look forward to hearing your views.

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Asbestos gone – thank you!



Thanks to grants from East Suffolk Council's Enabling Communities budget, the Adnams Community Trust and the Scarfe Charitable Trust, as well as generous support from local people, we successfully reached our target of £7,500 to remove asbestos from the old pig sties and sheds at Jasper's Pightle. Our grateful thanks to all who donated to the appeal.

The asbestos was removed by an accredited firm and we have received a certificate of safe disposal. Work parties of volunteers have demolished the remaining unsafe structures. We hired a skip and cleared the site of any remaining debris which might be dangerous or polluting – leaving behind concrete base areas and the (now unroofed) low-level pig sties which are safe and solid. These structures will remain, to become overgrown and provide a habitat for wildlife. UK Power Networks have also kindly removed a redundant electric post and associated wiring which could have constituted a danger. With the help of friends and

supporters, we are continuing work to reduce the encroaching bracken and restore greater diversity to this ecologically valuable piece of acid grassland.

Autumn litter pick



This took place in October, with Norse providing pickers and bags. Yet again, we filled several rubbish bags with cans, bottles, takeaway cartons, car tyres, bumper remnants and much more. Thank you to those volunteers who scoured our roads and verges for rubbish - it does make a huge difference. The next litter pick will be in March or April 2022. Please join us - we will put details on village notice boards.

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. For further information please contact Eve Rossor, BCOST Hon. Secretary at everossor@gmail.com.

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