



# Hoe Common Conservation

This year we've had sheep on the Common for two stays, once in the really cold weather and once in the Spring. Their grazing has improved the ground-level vegetation and we're looking forward to their next visit soon. The bracken has been rolled twice this summer. Gorse seedlings were topped with a machine, to be done again this winter. Work on the hedge last winter has been very successful – almost all of the newly planted hawthorns have taken and the old pollards are shooting again. Thanks to all our volunteers for their generous help.

These are the dates of our planned work days:

Sunday November 26th	Saturday January 6th
Sunday December 17th	Sunday February 25th
	Saturday March 16th

10am to 12.30pm.

Please come along and help out whenever you can.

The jobs include extending the dead hedge on the northern boundary, pulling up holly seedlings or cutting down larger ones to reduce their numbers in the woodland and managing the old gorse stands.

Bring your loppers and hand saws if you have them, and thick gloves.

There will be cake.

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