

Members' Update Autumn 2004

Your committee have been busy!

We became quite frustrated that the meadow areas in the wood had not been cut again, as agreed by the Council's contractors, so we decided to do it ourselves.

On a wet Monday in early August you could have seen our chairman blazing a trail through the long grass, weeds and debris aboard a "jungle buster." Sadly, due to the atrocious weather, there were few people to impress with the Health and Safety tape and bright yellow jackets but, since then, a number of walkers have commented favourably on the results. We informed the relevant Council officers, who have agreed to reimburse us for the hire of the machine.

Community Policing

We have a new community policeman, PC David Groves. He can be contacted on 01727 796042. Please report any incidents that you notice such as vandalism or anti-social behaviour, since an effective police presence is more likely if we raise issues concerning the Heath as they arise.

Fly Tipping

We are aware that this is a concern to members, particularly on the west side of Harpenden Road. The contact number to report this is 01727 853644.

Autumn Clear Up

The next date for path chipping and rubbish clearing is Sunday 26th September, 9.30 – 12.30. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the time. If you are not sure where we are, look out for the yellow jackets! Please bring a rake and/or wheelbarrow if you have them.

A general newsletter will go out to all residents in November when we have finalised some further dates and events.

A big "Thank you" to the many people who have expressed appreciation of our continuing efforts, and also to those members who regularly pick up litter. We feel that litter has not been quite so evident this summer as previously – and this is down to the vigilance of many individuals. Thank you all!

As always, please phone with any suggestions or comments:-Peter Cook (chairman) 811414 Sue Swain (treasurer) 831668 Keep up to date with our website: www.bernardsheath.org