



Newsletter Winter 2004

Update



Our last **Action Day** took place on 26th September when a group of volunteers and committee members put bark chippings on the paths, cleared rubbish and put up some bird boxes – we also have some bat boxes which will go up at a later date.

Left: Tired but happy having spread a huge heap of bark chippings!

- After the committee's continued pressure, the **meadow areas** have been mown twice and we feel that the result is a great improvement. This will continue as part of the contractor's contract and we hope will allow wild flowers to grow in time. The large area of **Japanese knotweed** has at last had its first treatment but this too will be ongoing.
- The vandalised **dog bins** have finally all been replaced but we feel there may be a need for extra **litter bins** on the Townsend Road side of the Heath.

After our success in these areas, your committee feels that we are at last beginning to make progress with the local council and their contractors.

- We have applied for a **grant** towards the cost of two information boards (see below) and seating on the Heath and are hopeful of success.
- Concerns have been raised about **speed** enforcement on Harpenden and Sandridge Roads. We are arranging to meet officers from the police but would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.

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Future Plans

Plans are in hand to put up two information boards describing the history, flora and fauna of the area with a map, one on each side of Harpenden Road. The style of (vandal-proof) design has been chosen and your committee hopes to meet a representative from the company shortly to discuss the artwork involved.

Dates for your diary

- **Saturday 5th February 2005** Our annual wine-tasting evening will be held in St Saviour's church hall. If you have not been able to attend in the past, you have missed a treat; twelve wine tastings and a gourmet buffet supper for £10! Tickets on sale from Sue Swain (831668) after Christmas.
- **Sunday 13th March 2005** The next Action Day, when we shall concentrate on the West (Townsend Road) side of the Heath, 10 am start.

As always, we'd appreciate any new committee members – the Townsend Road side is under-represented at present. Input or comment from anyone on that side would be particularly welcome.

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Correction from last newsletter – Fly tipping help-line is 819472

And finally....

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