

Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Board

22nd June 2021

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP TOUR

Purpose of the report:

To agree arrangements for Annual Partnership Tour on Friday 2nd July

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

Members agree the outline arrangements for the Partnership's annual tour

Introduction:

- 1.1 The Surrey Hills AONB Board is constituted to arrange an annual site visit for the Surrey Hills Partnership as an opportunity for networking between Members, to experience new areas of the AONB and to discuss priority issues relating to the work programme of the Board.
- 1.2 The Members of the Partnership includes the AONB Board and organisations listed in the Constitution. It is proposed to extend the invitation to relevant Working Group members, Trustees of the Society and Surrey Hills Enterprises Directors. Local parish councillors will also be encouraged to attend.
- 1.3 For 2021, it is proposed to visit Newlands Corner and West Horsley Place to look at issues related to the AONB boundary review, heritage conservation, National Trails, nature based therapies, tree

health, Inspiring Views, tourism, land management, nature recovery; rural enterprise and tourism.

Outline Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY	LEAD
1000	Newlands Corner (Tea and coffee available from 0940)	
	Welcome and Introductions Introduction to Newlands Corer, the Discovery Centre public access, interpretation and conservation management Forest Bathing in the Surrey Hills and Green Prescribing Test and Learn Woodland management and yew tree heath research The development of wild trail mountain bike policy and practice	Heather Kerswell and Rob Fairbanks Katie McDonald, SCC Gary Evans, Forest Bathing Institute Geoff Monck, Guildford BC Rob Fairbanks
	North Downs Way National Trail and Inspiring Views Walk section of the North Downs Way to the new Inspiring View on Albury Downs. Butterfly Conservation	Peter Morris, National Trail Manager Ali Clarke, Surrey Hills Arts Bill Downy, Butterfly Conservation
1200	Depart Newlands Corner	
1215	West Horsley Place, Farm Barn Welcome and introduction Presentation on The Surrey Hills Nature Recovery Strategy “Making Space for Nature” and Farming in Protected Landscapes programme The Champions project	Ben Pearce, West Horsley Place Amy Hammond, Lantern, and Rob Fairbanks Simon Whalley and Gordon Jackson
1300	Lunch Picnic in the Walled Garden	
1330	Informal walk and talk to review the landscape, including possible AONB extension, Hedgerow Heroes and	Marcus Cribb, West Horsley Place

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wood-pasture & Parkland - Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland - Traditional Orchards 	Mike Waite and Katy Fielding , Surrey Wildlife Trust
1430	Depart	

Financial and value for money implications

2. The costs of the catering for the event will be met out of the AONB Partnership Running Costs. Tea and coffee will be served at Newlands Corner on arrival. There will be a local produce picnic lunch. The AONB budget will cover the costs of the produce and the Surrey Hills Society will prepare it. Members may want to make a contribution to the West Horsley Place Trust.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

3. Partners will be expected to make their own transport arrangements in line with any current Covid guidance. Car parking is available at Newlands Corner and West Horsley Place Partners will be asked if they have any particular access needs

Risk Management Implications

4. The main risks relate to the weather. Partners will be advised to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Next steps:

5. Partners have already been made aware of the date. A detailed programme and joining instruction will be issued following the AONB Board

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Sources/background papers:

- Surrey Hills AONB Constitution (October 2013)