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Partnerships:



*Countryside
Management
in Action!*



Volunteer Days:

There will be many opportunities for volunteers to come along and help with the work on the Rye Meadows throughout the year and everyone is welcome.

To register your interest, either visit the web site and go to "Find Out More" and click on "Volunteering" and complete the online form, or telephone 07581 136251 and leave your details. We will get back to you.

Thank you.



A vision for

Ashtead Rye Meadows Wetlands



**THE ASHTEAD RYE MEADOWS WILL
CREATE A NEW LANDSCAPE FOR
WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE THAT, ONCE
ESTABLISHED, WILL ENDURE FOR THE
LONG TERM.**



Vision:

The Rye Brook flows through Ashted Common, Ashted Rye Meadows & Leatherhead where it joins the River Mole. Over the years, urban & agricultural development has had a detrimental effect on the Rye Brook as a natural wetland habitat, with the result that it supported little wildlife and periodically flooded local houses. By restoring the natural processes such as erosion, the depositing of minerals and the occasional flooding of wetland habitats, we are securing a healthy long term future for both wildlife & people.

- To create a mosaic of habitats in order to improve the biodiversity value of the site;
- To improve the Rye Brook river in line with the Water Framework Directive;
- To provide a site for local people to enjoy while protecting valuable habitats;
- To ensure the long term management of the land for these purposes.

Fundraising:

MAKE FREE DONATIONS TO RYE MEADOWS

You can also support Rye Meadows in a very simple way - that is FREE!! Yes FREE!! Each time you buy something online with Amazon, Sainsburys, Virgin Atlantic and countless other online stores, by logging on via **Easyfundraising** you can donate a percentage of your item cost to Rye Meadows – and it costs you – NOTHING! By downloading a simple App called "Find & Remind" to your PC, it will notify you each time you visit a site that takes part in the scheme. You don't even have to remember to do it!



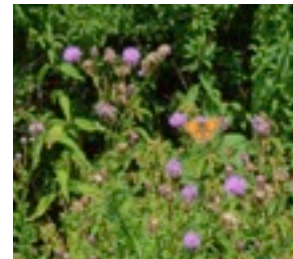
News:

May 2013 - We have been advised that Ashted Rye Meadows Wetlands has been accepted as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SCNI) by Surrey Nature Conservation Liaison Group at a meeting in February 2013. It met the criteria for selection as an NVC survey recorded 17 species Typical of Grassland of Conservation Interest. For details of this, please visit our website.

July 2013 - We have received two generous Grants to help with the project. The Community Foundation for Surrey has offered us a grant of £3,000 from their Orchid Environmental Trust Fund towards a new bridge to be constructed over the Rye Brook at Preston Grove.

In addition to this we have received a grant of £500 towards tools from the Lower Mole Countryside Trust. This has enabled us to buy loppers, saws, slashing tools and other items essential for the ongoing maintenance of the meadows and the brook.

We are very grateful to both organisations for their financial help.



News:

July to December 2013 - Preston Grove Bridge-Work to clear the immediate area was achieved with the help of the Ashted Common Volunteers. The Volunteers were joined by our own Rye Meadows volunteer force and together they created a hard surfaced footpath from the bridge to Ashted Woods Road. Work commenced on 16th December under the guidance of Surrey County Council's Rights of Way to lay the new bridge and was completed Jan 2014.

April 2014 - Wild Trout Trust Workshops on Rye Meadows. On day one work was undertaken using an excavator to lower the bankside in two places to create new areas of habitat to improve riparian vegetation. Volunteers learned about the principles of river restoration ahead of the hands-on works. On day two enhancement works took place to improve the habitat of the Rye Brook for wildlife, particularly fish and invertebrates through modification of any in-channel obstructions, positioning of deflectors to create enhanced in-channel river bed diversity and the use of woody debris to provide habitat and to help stabilize the river margins.

