

COVE BROOK GREENWAY GROUP

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WORK PARTY REPORT— *Paul Sanders*

Sat 12th November It might have been a nasty rainy morning, but over thirty people turned out to help with the first of our end of year clean ups. We were able to cover the brook between Hawley Lane and Houseman Road and the paths towards the football ground and all around Cheyne Wood.

Sat 10th December Fifteen volunteers picked up all litter between Five Arches and Mayfield Road collecting over fifty sacks of litter giving us a total count of over a hundred sacks in the last three months. In the woods we found enough bundles of the local Star/Courier paper to make a stack over 6 ft high. So, if you are missing your local paper, come down to the woods for a read! We also found bundles of Robert Dyas catalogues and charity donation bags plus a mattress and some tables and a variety of child car seats. How does it all get there?

Sat 14th January Ten of us met at Southwood Meadows. Whilst the network of paths were edged and bramble cut back, the main activity was on the grass area of the old golf practice area, This area of grass is slowly being taken over by encroaching willow growth. We cut down all the regrowth in about half an acre and burnt it all - despite the difficulties of burning wet saplings on wet ground we soon established a very useful fire and cleared all we had cut.



2nd COVE SEA SCOUTS LEND A HAND



2nd Cove Sea Scouts have linked up with Cove Brook Greenway Group as part of the "1 Million Hands" initiative, one aspect of which encourages them to get involved with their local community.

On a very wet and miserable Saturday in November, it was encouraging to see so many scouts and parents joining us to try to make the Moor Road and Cheyne Woodlands litter free.

Despite the dreadful weather, they set off enthusiastically with their litter pickers and black sacks and collected a phenomenal amount of litter.

Not only did the area look considerably better, but their hard work constitutes one of the activities required towards getting their Chief Scout Award. They enjoyed themselves so much that they have now volunteered to do more work in the area around Blunden Hall, where they have their meetings. We so often hear derogatory remarks about young people so we are delighted to show them in such a positive light.

**ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT
BLUNDEN HALL, BLUNDEN RD, COVE. GU14 8QP**

*Volunteers welcome at all Work Parties.
(Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)*

Talks, including refreshments, open to all

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TALKS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Time	Subject
Tues 21st Feb	7.30 pm	<p>FUTURE PROJECTS</p> <p>A talk by the Environment Agency 7:30 pm At: Blunden Hall, Blunden Road Cove, GU14 8QP</p>
Tues 30th May	7.30 pm	<p>TALK—SUBJECT TO BE ADVISED</p> <p>7:30 pm At Blunden Hall, Blunden Road Cove, GU14 8QP</p>
Sun 18th June	10:30 am to 3:30 pm	 <p>ENVIRONMENTAL FAMILY FUN DAY</p> <p>At Blunden Hall, Blunden Road Cove, GU14 8QP</p> 
WORK PARTIES		
Sat 11th Feb	10.00 am	<p>BRAMBLE CONTROL</p> <p>10:00 am Meet at: Blunden Hall, Blunden Road Cove, GU14 8QP</p>
Sat 11th Mar	10.00 am	<p>KEEP BRITAIN TIDY GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN</p> <p>Meet at: North barrier on Hazel Avenue, GU14 0HB</p>
Sat 8th Apr	10.00 am	<p>RUSHMOOR SPRING CLEAN</p> <p>10:00 am Meet at: Curly Bridge end of Cheyne Way GU14 8SA</p>
Sat 13th May	10.00 am	<p>WORK AT CHEYNE WOOD</p> <p>10:00 am Meet at: Curly Bridge, Cheyne Way, Cove, GU14 8SA</p>
Sat 17th June	10.00 am	<p>GENERAL WORK ALONG THE BROOK</p> <p>10:00 am Meet at: Blunden Hall, Blunden Road, Cove, GU14 8QP</p>