

Report for Information

Report to	Mousehold Heath Conservators 18 June 2010	Item
Report of	Head of Local Neighbourhood Services	11
Subject	Mousehold Heath Management Plan Progress Report - Recent Issues, Activities & Events on Mousehold Heath	

Purpose

To provide an update on issues and recent activities undertaken at Mousehold Heath since meeting of the Mousehold Conservators held on 12 March 2010 and on forthcoming events.

Recommendations

That the Conservators comment on and note the contents of the report.

Financial Consequences

This report is for information only, and any costs have, or will be, met from existing budgets.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priority Safe & Healthy Neighbourhoods, and the service plan priority to ensure Norwich has a clean and safe environment.

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Background Documents

Mousehold Heath Management Plan, 2008-2013.

Report

Recent Issues & Management Work

1. The planned St. James' Hill steps have been installed on the existing unofficial path that leads up to the Mottram Memorial from behind the Kett's Tavern, with the work being undertaken by BTCV.
2. The final winter period management work included the further opening up of the Cavalry Track by the Mousehold Heath Defenders.
3. Options are being investigated for the replacement of the existing life-expired Fountain Ground changing room. A meeting with the Football Foundation to explore if grant aid might be available to help fund the new facility) was due to take place on 11 June 2010.
4. Remedial work has been undertaken on all the main car parks at Mousehold.
5. On 28 April 2010, the exterior of the Pavilion ('Zak's') was inspected by Councillor Bearman and Chris Southgate of the Mousehold Heath Conservators accompanied by Kate d'Este Hoare, Norwich City Council's Design and Conservation Officer. The need for some external repairs was identified, as well as the possibility of a 'local listing' for the building.
6. A varied range of events has been planned by the Mousehold Heath Defenders and the Mousehold Wardens. The Defenders events have included, or will include:
 - St George's Day celebration
 - Early Bird Dawn Chorus walk
 - Spring walk
 - Art Day
 - Summer Solstice celebration
 - Winter Solstice celebration
7. A draft of the 2010 Guided Walks programme, as organised by the Mousehold Heath Wardens, is attached in Appendix A. Although all the walks are free, some of them have limited places so these will need to be booked in advance via the Norwich Tourist Information Centre.
8. The first of three summer band concerts at Mousehold took place on Sunday 6 June 2010.

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Draft Mousehold Heath 2010 Guided Walk Programme

- The draft version of the 2010 Guided Walk programme below is to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity.
- All of these events will be free and will be bookable via the Norwich Tourist Information Centre.
- Attendees will be advised to wear outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear.
- In the event of heavy rain, the walk/talk will be cancelled.

Insect and Wildlife Walk

Tuesday, 22 June 2010 – 1:00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

An afternoon walk on the heath with Norfolk's County Butterfly Recorder, Andy Brazil, to mark National Insect Week.

Management and Wildlife Walk

Thursday, 1 July 2010 – 2:00 p.m to 4.00 p.m.

Join a Norwich City Council Mousehold Warden, to look at the wide variety of often threatened and scarce wildlife that inhabits the site and how management work is being undertaken to conserve this biodiversity. (Meet at Car Park below Zak's Restaurant.)

Moth Evening

Saturday, 10 July 2010 – 10:30 p.m. onwards

Join a Norwich City Council Mousehold Warden in using a light trap to catch and look at the beautiful and diverse species of moth that are living in our parks and gardens. Please bring a torch. (Meet at Car Park below Zaks Restaurant or the bandstand across the road on the Fountain Ground.)

Moth Evening

Saturday, 7 August 2010 – 9:00 p.m. onwards.

Join a Norwich City Council Mousehold Warden in using a light trap to catch and look at the beautiful and diverse species of moth that are living in our parks and gardens. Please bring a torch. (Meet at Car Park below Zaks Restaurant or the bandstand across the road on the Fountain Ground.)

Management and Wildlife Walk

Tuesday, 10 August 2010 – 2:00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

An afternoon walk, led by a Norwich City Council Mousehold Warden, to look at a broad range of wildlife including butterflies, dragonflies and reptiles that inhabit the site and how management work is being undertaken to conserve this biodiversity. (Meet at Car Park below Zaks Restaurant.)

Bat Walk

Wednesday, 25 August 2010 – 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

An evening walk with a member of the Norwich Bat Group, to learn about these amazing creatures and try to identify species in the area, by using a bat detector. Please bring a torch. (Meet at Car Park below Zaks Restaurant.)

Fungi Foray

Thursday, 7 October 2010 – 2:00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Accompany Tony Leech (Norfolk's County Fungi Recorder) for a walk around the site, to look at the stunning variety of Fungi species living in the heart of Norwich. (Meet at Car Park below Zaks Restaurant.)

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