

## Report for Information

**Report to** Mousehold Heath Conservators  
11 December 2009

**Report of** Head of Community Services

**Subject** Report on recent issues, works and events at Mousehold Heath

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### Purpose

To provide an update on issues, works and events undertaken at Mousehold Heath and on progress towards achieving the objectives of the Mousehold Heath Management Plan.

### Recommendations

The Conservators are asked to note the report

### Financial Consequences

Any works arising from this report have, or will be met from approved 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. Note that numbers and headings in brackets following items in the report refer to the appropriate management plan objective.

# Report

## Recent Management Works & Events

*Numbers in brackets refer to management plan objectives*

1. Several trees damaged or brought down by high winds in November were dealt with and further tree work was carried out to aid Fire & Rescue Service access (4.7/11.0).
2. The car park height barrier at Gilman Rd car park was repaired after recently being damaged (11.0).
3. Several scrapes have been made in the main heathland area to encourage heather regeneration (7.3).
4. The new signs for the Pavilion (Zak's) car park have been ordered and will be installed shortly (11.0).
5. New replacement timber posts for the existing nature trail and orienteering trail are on order. It is hoped to produce an updated orienteering leaflet in 2010 (11.0).
6. The Mousehold Heath Defenders and BTCV have been very active recently with scrub clearance and other vegetation management work, including further removal of invasive reed sweet-grass from the Vinegar Pond organised by the Defenders. In addition a student from Easton College and an Open Academy pupil are working regularly with the wardens at Mousehold as work experience (4.8/7.3).
7. St. William's Chapel site - the management proposals agreed with Norfolk Monuments Management Project are now being implemented. A brush-cutter has been obtained to clear undergrowth and an archaeological survey will be undertaken in December (10.1).
8. Recent events have included two corporate work days (24 and 25 Sept), an activity organised by the wardens for Norwich Cubs (27 Sept) and two Fungal Forays, which attracted 15 people (13 Oct) and 20 people (17 Nov), as well as recording several fungi species new to Mousehold (11.0).

## Other Recent Work

9. Several fly-tipping incidents were dealt with. It should, however, be noted that the number of fly-tipping incidents at Mousehold has consistently been much lower than at many of the city's other natural areas.
10. Options are being examined for the replacement of the Fountain Ground changing rooms.

