**AN INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER ON THE COMMON**

**On Saturday 24th October at 9.30am**

Greetings to all.

We are beginning a new season of Work Parties. 5 in all ending in the first week of December.

All this will depend upon control of the COVID 19 virus and guidance and the weather sometimes.

It is also a restart after the Spring lockdown and we are hoping to involve more village volunteers. We are being supported by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust who will advise us on ways of working. With their help we plan to introduce a variety of new Nature related activities on the Common.

As back in early Spring, we will meet by the electricity relay station adjacent to Wheatsheaf Cottage. The plan is to work for two hours with a break for coffee and a chat. We would welcome young people as long as their parents are able to supervise them.

Our first objective this season is to trim back scrub and brambles encroaching onto the grassland area.

It is light work but brambles are a challenge. The work will be done using hand tools as usual. Gardening gloves are essential.

We hope that by joining in the work parties some villagers may become more familiar with the Common and be willing to help care for it in the future.

Refreshments are now a problem. Maybe you should bring your own coffee or tea and mugs.

If you can join us please let us know so we can plan the work.

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Best wishes

Graham, Chris, Penny and Derek

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