

LEVIN DOWN HELPERS

SUMMER NEWSLETTER
2007 – 2008 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



From the photos you will see that others have also been busy on the reserve – the gates are courtesy of the SWT (there are two others at the top of the hill) and the Herdwick's are still doing restoration grazing in compartments

4 and 5. They have really taken out a lot of the young ash and other young scrub – they have not taken a liking to the bramble yet though! Earlier in the year saw a superb show of violets, and on 20 June I saw my first Dark Green Fritillary. Rosemary (many thanks for all your efforts) continues to record the butterflies (part of a national scheme) and the early season saw grizzled skipper and green hairstreak back on the site. The Red Kite has been seen on a number of occasions, and buzzards



are spotted regularly. The summer flowers are on their way. I think we will have a great show of marjoram and the bird's foot trefoil and thyme look great at the moment. We have had two evening tasks clearing footpaths (followed by a very nice meal at the Fox Goes Free) – thanks to all who helped. The autumn tasks

start again on Sunday 9 September.

The “dates for your diaries” are as follows – we meet at Charlton cross roads at 10 am – ring me if doubtful about the weather – we usually work till just after lunch – c 3pm: Enjoy the reserve

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