

Friends of Harebreaks Wood

Minutes of the Annual General held on 13 October 2010 held at St Mark's Church Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Sue and Richard Ahrens, Keith Cheyney, Steve Harvey (Chair), and Ian Mather.

1. Minutes of AGM held on 14 October 2009

The notes were confirmed.

2. Officers for 2010 / 2011

Chairman: Steve Harvey re-elected

Secretary: no candidate

Treasurer: Ian Brandon was not present and no statement of accounts was forthcoming. Ian will be contacted to provide a statement and to be asked whether he will continue as treasurer for 2010/2011. (Ian is one of the signatories for the bank account).

3. Review of the latest F o H W Event

The Fungus Foray on 25th September was much enjoyed. 16 or 17 people came and a good number of species were identified by the leader, including 3 not previously recorded in the area.

4. Further dates for 2010

Saturday 16 October	Litter-pick	Meet at 1.30pm in St Mark's car park
Saturday 3 December	Tree-planting	Meet at 1.30pm in St Mark's car park

5. Playing Field Boundary

Ian Mather reported that Watford Borough Council's legal department had written to Taylor Wimpey about the blocking-off of the kissing gate by Everett Rovers. To date, no reply has been received. Taylor-Wimpey were also asked about the maintenance of the fence along the boundary. The meeting expressed its dismay at the lack of progress on the matter. Ian Brandon, being the local County Councillor, is to be contacted to see if he has made any representations on the matter.

6. Damage to rail-bars

Funding is awaited to deal with the repair of damaged bars. Ian Mather suggested removal of the wooden benches where youngsters tend to gather and leave litter. New sites will be considered at a later date, possibly on October 16th.

7. Proposed dates for events in 2011 (for all events meet in St Mark's car park)

Saturday 22 January, 1.30pm	Coppicing and/or clearing laurel and brambles
Saturday 19 February, 1.30pm	Litter-pick
Saturday 9 April, 5.30am	Dawn Chorus (Ian to arrange a leader) followed by breakfast in St Mark's
Saturday 30 April, 1.30pm	Bluebell Walk
Saturday 18 June, 1.30pm	Litter-pick
Friday 15 July, 9.30 pm	Bat Search
Saturday 24 September 1.30pm	Fungus Foray
Saturday 15 October	Litter-pick
To be arranged:	Butterfly/Moth Event

Dates for planning meetings: Wednesdays 12 January, 13 April, 13 July and 12 October, at 7.30 pm, in St Mark's church hall (subject to availability of hall).