

Hurst Water Meadow News September 2011

Education

Having received a generous grant, we are very fortunate to have engaged the services of Jane Millin, an experienced environmental educator, who will be cooperating with our local schools and developing a range of learning resources for school visits to the Hurst. Education is one of the main objectives of the Hurst Water Meadow Trust, and we look forward to working together on this project.

Fishing on the Hurst

We now have a new team of fishing bailiffs who will be checking fishing tickets and advising us on river bank maintenance. When fishing on the Hurst, please remember to bring your season tickets (available from Dorchester Post Office: free for Dorchester residents, £30 for non-residents), or you may be asked to pay for a day ticket (£4). We are very grateful to our volunteers. The income generated in this way will go to help maintain the meadows and the river banks, for the enjoyment of all.

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The hay cut has been delayed due to the wet weather, but hopefully it will take place during September. All we need is a few sunny days.

Volunteering to help on the meadows

The working party at the beginning of September did a wonderful job of removing litter, cutting the grass areas around the open-air classroom, strimming the weeds around the seats, cutting back four osiers, and planting four oak trees. Thank you very much for all your hard work.

If you'd like to help by taking part in future working parties, please contact Graham Beland at workingparty@hurst-water-meadow.co.uk. It is a relaxing way to spend a Saturday morning, with work suitable for all ages and abilities. We will have further working parties in the autumn.



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