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FINDING NEW FRIENDS AT LAMBERHURST COMMON!

A new conservation project has seen the local community gathering together on a sunny Saturday morning to help improve Lamberhurst's common for both people and wildlife.

The first day of practical community action took place on 9th October and saw 20 local residents take up bowsaws, slashers and loppers to help clear a path around a pond.

When the day's work was finished, local resident Sam Nicholas said, "This project will help to open up access for walkers and local school children to this beautiful pond and woodland. It is amazing what can be achieved in a day with just a few handtools. We've cut down a lot of small trees and scrub today, so next time we're going to have baked potatoes too!"

This new 'Friends of the Common' group for Lamberhurst will get together again on Sunday 7 November, when they will be creating a woodland glade by coppicing small trees. New volunteers are very welcome to join the group at 10am in Lamberhurst, at the public car park next to the Brown Trout pub (TN3 8HA). Staff from the Kent High Weald Partnership will be providing tools and training in their safe use on the day, so no previous experience in practical conservation work is necessary.



The Friends of Lamberhurst Common

Further Information

The Lamberhurst Commons Enhancement project is funded by Kent County Council's Small Countryside Grants scheme, with the support of Lamberhurst Parish Council and the Kent High Weald Partnership.

The Kent High Weald Partnership works to link the countryside and community, to enhance important habitats for wildlife, and encourage people to participate in looking after their environment. Further information on the Partnership is available at www.khwp.org.uk.

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