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LAMBERHURST KIDS GO WILD & UNDER COVER!

Children were seen running wild this half-term at Lamberhurst Common, as part of a project to encourage young people and the local community to take care of their local wildlife site.

A pond-side area that was recently cleared by the Friends of Lamberhurst Common provided the perfect setting for a day of bushcraft and survival skills. Kids as young as four went under cover in the woods with a session of shelter building, followed by demonstrations of the ancient art of fire lighting.

Saul Fajerman, Education Officer with the Kent High Weald Partnership, said, “Everyone wants kids to have the freedom to play outdoors, but some people worry that they won’t be safe, or that they’ll cause trouble for others.”

“Activities such as shelter building and fire lighting let children explore boundaries in an environment of controlled risk. This helps them to understand what’s safe and what isn’t when out and about, and gain a sense of respect for wildlife and the countryside.”

The Friends of Lamberhurst Common are planning another two days of work at the Gravel Pit during November, followed by a woodland activity day in February 2011, and some survey training in March. Visit www.khwp.org.uk to find out more about the Friends’ work, and their plans for looking after Lamberhurst Common in the future.



Going Under Cover at 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.

For more detail on this project, please contact Jane Frostick, Kent High Weald Partnership Greenspace Officer, on 01580 212972 (email: jane.frostick@khwp.org.uk).

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