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IT'S ALL ABOARD FOR LAMBERHURST VOLUNTEERS!

A new Heritage Lottery Funded project for Lamberhurst Common has seen volunteers taking-up tools in a bid to improve access at a local beauty spot.

Equipped with sledge hammers, rabbit spades, metal spikes and power drills, volunteers from the local community took to the boards, and were soon making giant leaps towards a less muddy footpath for all!

Using specially designed recycled plastic materials, volunteers began work on installing 85m of boardwalk at the Gravel Pit, which is an important Local Wildlife Site. The new walkway will allow people to enjoy the circular path throughout the year, and whatever the weather. It will also improve access to the pond, where a new dipping platform is being built for use by local school children.



Volunteers are building a new boardwalk on Lamberhurst Common from recycled plastic materials.

Donald Page, who has volunteered with the Kent High Weald Partnership for over 10 years, said, "It is always great to be able to work on something like this, that you know will make a difference to people's enjoyment of a really special site. Everyone walking past today has been really grateful for what we're doing. We'd just like them to come and lend a hand if they can!"

Work will continue on the boardwalk and pond dipping platform over the coming months. To find out more about the project, and how you can get involved, visit www.khwp.org.uk, or contact Jane at the Kent High Weald Partnership on 01580 212972.

Further Information

Lamberhurst Parish Council is working with the Kent High Weald Partnership on 'Jack Frost's Footsteps', which is a Heritage Lottery Funded project for Lamberhurst Common.

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).