

Ewelme Watercress Beds

Local Nature Reserve

Workday report Wed 19th February 2020

15 volunteers. Cleared accumulated material from back channel and outside Thatchings, continued removing bridge over mill stream to prepare for replacement; general tidying of nectar bank, paths and branches fallen in beds during recent storms.

Next workday – Sat 7th March 2020

1. **All beds** – remove non-watercress plants
2. **Weirs opposite visitor center** – seal ready for planting cress seeds
3. **The Street beds** – Check for material on concrete bund and transport to compost area and remove grass growing in some beds
4. **Paths, upper & Lower sites** – general tidy of branches and mole hills
5. **Storm Damage** – branches at Bat house and behind pond to clear
6. **Mill bridge, lower site** – continue with building replacement
7. **Lower site – Mill area** – clear area with a view to keeping it clear and transporting one of old picnic benches there.
8. **Lower site, pond** – “top” hawthorn between pond and beds
9. **Lower site – fallen willow branch** – clear adding to adjacent log pile, to complete
10. **High Street beds** – re-instate side channels esp. those alongside gardens and road
11. **All** – clear cress from concrete bund esp. between rd. bridge and Mill
12. **Upper site paths** – run ride on round (mainly to charge battery)
13. **All Beds especially beds between rd bridge and mill** – pull all non watercress, remove mud and distribute on adjacent banks below ford or compost areas above ford
14. **Weir at exit of Trout pond** – rebuild incorporating a fish pass (still awaiting material)
15. **Tools** – sort “good” for keeping in tool store “maybe” for either on tool store outer wall and “rubbish” for getting rid
16. **Compost bins & heap opposite centre** – sieve and bag more soil and stack at front of centre
17. **Lower site** – remove vegetation from brick wall below mill and check for repairs required
18. **Pond below road bridge** – clear, by pulling/digging bulrush plants and forming channel through

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