

National Trust monthly brief: June 2024 (Andrew Danson)

| <b>Subject (add as appropriate)</b> | <b>Comment &amp; update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Milestone dates (e.g. start work / completion)</b>     | <b>Main NT contact</b> | <b>OK to share via PC website?</b> |
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| Big Nature, Better Access           | <p>Lodge Park will be open on the last weekend of the month (including the last Friday) between June and October.</p> <p>Community volunteering day held on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bridgeman Walk being held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 17.30 at Lodge Park.</p> <p>Funding bid submitted to Water Restoration Fund (Defra) for feasibility funds to consider options for creation of 83 hectares of wetland and improved habitats on Sherborne Farm.</p> |                                                           | Andrew Danson          | Yes                                |
| Conservation Management Plan        | Final amendments sent through to Chris Gallagher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Summer 24                                                 | Andrew Danson          | Yes                                |
| Sherborne Brook / Broadwater        | We have commissioned the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to conduct a thorough Water Vole survey across the Brook, Windrush and Leach through June. There will be GWT staff moving along the waterway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                           | Simon Nicholas         | Yes                                |
| Boathouse / Turbine                 | Regional Building Surveyor attending Sherborne on June 13 <sup>th</sup> to carry out condition assessment of Turbine House.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Site visit June 13 <sup>th</sup> .                        | Andrew Danson          | Yes                                |
| Tree Planting                       | No updates – out of season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Planting on Sherborne Farm scheme will begin this autumn. | Andrew Danson          | Yes                                |
| SANG Funding                        | Home Farm: The track work on the Ewe Pen Barns road between the lime trees and into the car park is                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Delivery of 2023 funding will be                          | Andrew Danson          | Yes                                |

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|             | completed; contractors have moved onto east/west belt.<br>Funding bid for this year's fund has been submitted and shared with PC previously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | complete by end of July.<br>We expect to hear from CDC on status of 2024 bid by the end of September |                |     |
| Walling     | The restoration of the North Wall at Lodge Park has resumed this week – with our contractor Andy returning to site – 75m to go. We have a skip on site at LP for the remove of some 40+ tonnes of old stone and concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                      | Simon Nicholas | Yes |
| Wildlife    | Highlights from across the estate – earlier in the month we had breeding territories for lesser whitethroat, common whitethroat, Cettis warbler, reed bunting and garden warbler – all in the water meadows. Lesser whitethroat and common whitethroat were also recorded around the A40 in thickets to the south. Corn bunting have been very vocal this year. An Osprey on the broadwaters for three days and hobby hunting damselflies down there also. It was nice to see a weasel on the estate in the last week of May |                                                                                                      | Luke Hunter    | Yes |
| Ash Dieback | ADB surveys will begin in June and early July – we cover the entire estate in this period and it is a sizeable task, if anybody is ever interested in hearing more please ask but effectively roadside and high usage path sides/properties, etc. are areas where – if necessary – we will clear or reduce infected and dying trees... where possible the timber is left to lie but may also be extracted depending on the site.                                                                                             | June/July                                                                                            | Luke Hunter    | Yes |

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