

National Trust monthly brief: February 2025 (Andrew Danson – 20/02/2025)

| <b>Subject (add as appropriate)</b> | <b>Comment &amp; update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Main NT contact</b> |
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| Big Nature, Better Access           | We have successfully recruited a part time Senior Project Co-ordinator and a Full time Delivery Manager. The Delivery Manager started in early February and the Project Co-ordinator will start in early March.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Andrew Danson          |
| Conservation Management Plan        | We expect the CMP to be published in the Spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Andrew Danson          |
| Sherborne Brook / Broadwater        | Final designs received from consultants and shared with internal colleagues for approval.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Simon Nicholas         |
| Boathouse / Turbine                 | Work has begun on concept design work on access to the Turbine/Boat House area of Old Park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Andrew Danson          |
| Tree Planting                       | We have planted over 2000 whips up at Lodge Park within the woodland blocks to replenish losses caused by Vole damage.<br>We were joined by NT colleagues, Community groups, Sherborne School, Volunteers and members of public who planted 2500 trees on Sherborne Farm during the week of February 10 <sup>th</sup> to the 16 <sup>th</sup> .<br>Another 15,000 trees are planted across the farm this month by contractors. | Andrew Danson          |
| SANG Funding                        | Rangers Ben and Ollie have continued to install new and replacement benches in the Pleasure Grounds, Quarry Wood and the Watermeadows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Andrew Danson          |
| Walling and Fencing                 | Walling repairs are being carried out walls which have been impacted by the recent cold snap.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Simon Nicholas         |
| Wildlife                            | Barn Owl spotted hunting along Sherborne Brook.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Luke Hunter            |
| Woodland work and Tree Safety       | Trees being removed from Sherborne School on February 21 <sup>st</sup> while children are on half-term holiday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Luke Hunter            |

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| Volunteering | As well as all the large-scale tree planting undertaken this month the volunteers have also planted up an Orchard at Sherborne farm with rare Gloucester varieties. | Luke Hunter |
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