

National Trust monthly brief: September 2025 (Andrew Danson – 29/09/2025)

Subject (add as appropriate)	Comment & update	Milestone dates (e.g. start work / completion)	Main NT contact
Big Nature, Better Access	We have successfully recruited a Lodge Park Ranger. Elsbeth Leighton will be joining us from the Froglife charity at the end of October. Lodge Park final open days of the year on the weekend of 31st October to 2nd November. Autumn Community newsletter was published in September– Residents can sign to receive this and other updates electronically by emailing Sherbornenews@nationaltrust.org.uk Initial work on next phase of Bridgeman Restoration project due to start this October for planting to commence in November.	Ongoing	Andrew Danson
Conservation Management Plan	We expect the CMP to be published shortly.	September	Andrew Danson
Sherborne Brook	Andrew and Tim joined members of community to clear grips in Moor’s Copse on Sunday 7th September. Planning application for Wetland creation works is now live on the Cotswold District Council planning portal. Deadline for comments is October 22nd Flood Risk Activity Permit applied for with Environment Agency for works.	Planning Application Autumn 2025	Simon Nicholas

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Tree Planting	Tree Planting: Audit of trees planted in Autumn/Winter 2024/25 taking place in September and October to understand the impact of the Dry summer and plan replenishment planting requirements. Replenishment planting likely to take place in January 2026.	Autumn/Winter 2025	Andrew Danson
Estate Infrastructure	Fences and Gates replaced along footpath between Sherborne and Windrush by contractors.	Ongoing	Andrew Danson
Walling and Fencing	Plans to pre-emptively repair wall along Langott Hill continue to progress. Walling repairs continue throughout the estate.	Ongoing	Tim Green
Wildlife	Ollie and Fiona (volunteer) have been carrying out Butterfly surveys over the summer and have submitted to UK BMS.	Ongoing	Ollie Pitts
Woodland work and Tree Safety	Ash Die back work taking place in Ragged Copse in early October – Ash trees with a pink/orange dot sprayed have been identified for removal.	Ongoing	Tim Green
Volunteering	Wednesday Wallers continue to work on Lodge Park walls. Ride Management being carried out by our Thursday volunteers in Arnold Springs.	Ongoing	Ollie Pitts