

National Trust monthly brief: October 2025 (Andrew Danson – 16/10/2025)

Subject (add as appropriate)	Comment & update	Milestone dates (e.g. start work / completion)	Main NT contact
Big Nature, Better Access	Lodge Park final open days of the year on the weekend of 31st October to 2nd November. Winter Community newsletter will be published in December– Residents can sign to receive this and other updates electronically by emailing Sherbornenews@nationaltrust.org.uk Marking out and construction of tree guards for Serpentine avenues to begin as part of Bridgeman Restoration project within the parkland. Geophys survey of potential wetland area on Sherborne Brook carried out by Sumo services. Preliminary report should be received in early November. Topographical and species surveys to be carried out in November and December. This is part of the Defra funded Water Restoration project. Ground prep to being in November on Sherborne Farm arable reversion project in far north of the estate. Work will begin on laying hedgerows in early November. Next community drop-in session to be held on Tuesday 2nd December between 17.00 and 18.30 at the National Trust estate office. Recruitment currently taking place to replace Luke Hunter and Ben Perryman in the Ranger team. Martin Jones retired from the Trust at the end of October.	Ongoing	Andrew Danson

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Conservation Management Plan	We expect the CMP to be published shortly.	September	Andrew Danson
Sherborne Brook	Planning application remains live for Wetland creation works on the Cotswold District Council planning portal. Deadline for comments is November 24th. Flood Risk Activity Permit applied for with Environment Agency for works. EA have requested that this process is paused while the planning application is ongoing. We have begun engaging with potential contractors for silt and aquatic vegetation removal from the Broadwaters with the aim to start work next summer.	Planning Application Autumn 2025	Simon Nicholas
Tree Planting	Tree Planting: Preparation works taking place for replenishment planting to take place across Sherborne Farm Scheme in January.	Autumn/Winter 2025	Andrew Danson
Estate Infrastructure	We are looking at repairing the partial collapse on the culvert on Sabrina Way.	Ongoing	Andrew Danson
Walling and Fencing	Contractor should be repairing dry stone wall breaches on Old park boundary wall during November. (breach along Clapton Road and along footpath to the North). Planning application is in for the removal of 4 trees on Langott Hill to stop the damage to the wall along the road. This will then be rebuilt. Fencing contractors will be onsite working across Sherborne Farm throughout November.	Ongoing	Tim Green

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Wildlife	The warm and damp conditions have meant we are seeing exceptional amounts of fungi across the estate. Andrew saw a stunning fox enjoying the sunshine on an autumn afternoon in late October.	Ongoing	Ollie Pitts
Woodland work and Tree Safety	Woodland Management taking place in South Belt Woodland. Ash die back scheduled to take place across the estate throughout the Winter.	Ongoing	Tim Green
Volunteering	A busy month of volunteering activities led by Ollie and the team. Activities included Walling in Lodge Park, Ride Management and Fence removal in Arnolds Spring, Coppicing in Snowbottom Belt and Tubex removal in the Bridgeman Landscape.	Ongoing	Ollie Pitts