

National Trust monthly brief: November 2025 (Andrew Danson – 28/11/2025)

Subject (add as appropriate)	Comment & update	Milestone dates (e.g. start work / completion)	Main NT contact
Big Nature, Better Access	<p>Winter Community newsletter will be published in early December– Residents can sign to receive this and other updates electronically by emailing Sherbornenews@nationaltrust.org.uk</p> <p>Marking out and construction of tree guards for Serpentine avenues has begun as part of Bridgeman Restoration project within the parkland up at Lodge Park.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ground prep to begin in November on Sherborne Farm arable reversion project in far north of the estate. David Molloy has been onsite for the last weeks working on laying the 2nd hedgerow in the same style as last year.</p> <p>Community drop-in session to be held on Tuesday 2nd December between 17.00 and 18.30 at the National Trust estate office.</p> <p>We have successfully recruited two new rangers who will be joining us as Ben and Luke’s replacements in the new year.</p>	Ongoing	Andrew Danson
Conservation Management Plan	We are continuing to work on finalising the CMP prior to publishing.	December	Andrew Danson

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<p>Sherborne Brook</p>	<p>Planning application remains live for Wetland creation works on the Cotswold District Council planning portal. Deadline for comments was November 24th.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A site visit is being held with a potential contractor for silt and aquatic vegetation removal from the Broadwaters with the aim to start work next summer.</p>	<p>Planning Application Autumn 2025</p>	<p>Simon Nicholas</p>
<p>Tree Planting</p>	<p>Tree Planting: Preparation works taking place for replenishment planting to take place across Sherborne Farm Scheme in January.</p>	<p>Autumn/Winter 2025</p>	<p>Andrew Danson</p>
<p>Estate Infrastructure</p>	<p>We are looking at repairing the partial collapse on the culvert on Sabrina Way.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Andrew Danson</p>
<p>Walling and Fencing</p>	<p>Contractor onsite repairing the dry-stone wall breaches on Old Park boundary wall during November. (breach along Clapton Road and along footpath to the North).</p> <p>Planning has been granted for the removal of 4 trees on Langott Hill to stop the damage to the wall along the road. This will then be rebuilt in the new year.</p> <p>Fencing contractors will be onsite working across Sherborne Farm throughout November.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tim Green</p>
<p>Wildlife</p>	<p>Ollie has been continuing the Broadwater Bird Survey every month and at the most recent survey a good selection of species were recorded, including a kingfisher, water rail, wigeon, and an assortment of warblers and tits.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ollie Pitts</p>

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Woodland work and Tree Safety	Ash Die back continues across the estate.	Ongoing	Tim Green
Volunteering	A busy month of volunteering activities led by Ollie and Elsbeth. Activities included Walling along the Eastington Road, creating a wetland that should help to capture carbon, provide habitat, and prevent flooding on the forestry track going through Sherborne Common, Hazel Coppicing in Arnold Spring and Hedge laying on Sherborne Farm.	Ongoing	Ollie Pitts