

FRIENDS OF THE HURTWOOD

A Committee of the Friends of the Hurtwood has been formed to raise public awareness of the varied pleasures of the Hurtwood and to enhance the level of voluntary financial support from households in the surrounding villages.

The Committee is most grateful for the support being received. However, there is a pressing need for funds to enable Hurtwood Control to continue to maintain the work done for the benefit of the public. This is increasingly so as our local authorities find it more difficult to maintain their support to us from public funds.

The Friends Committee is made up of generous local people who freely give their time and talents in organising a range of activities each year.

Subscriptions to Hurtwood Control can be made by Gift Aid donation. As a registered charity we are able, if you pay tax at a minimum of the basic rate or higher, to recover the tax from the Inland Revenue, which increases the value of the gift by nearly one third. Gift Aid donations can be made by standing order (this will save having to send you an annual reminder) or by individual cash or cheque payment.

Please return the completed forms to :-
The Secretary, Mr Peter Haynes
Upper Lodge, Holmbury Hill Road
Holmbury St Mary, Dorking, RH5 6NR
Telephone : 01306-730919

WHAT DOES IT ALL COST?

The HCC spends about £50,000 annually.

The bulk of the expenditure goes to support the Ranger service and the provision of equipment. The Committee makes extensive use of locally based sub-contractors who use their own equipment and who work under instruction from our Ranger.

Our income comes principally from two sources:-

There are now well over four hundred homes who appreciate the beauty of the Hurtwood and who support our efforts with subscriptions and donations. This is now our main source of income and makes up nearly 40% of our total.

Local Authorities currently provide around 33% of our income. We acknowledge with thanks the grants received from Surrey CC, Guildford BC, Waverley BC and the Parish Councils of Albury, Cranleigh, Ewhurst and Shere (which latter Council includes the villages of Holmbury St Mary, Peaslake and Gomshall).

The remainder comes from surpluses made at Friends "Events", the sale of Hurtwood goods and from interest upon our modest reserves.

A copy of our Report and Accounts is available on request

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR THE GREATER ENJOYMENT OF ALL

Horse riding is encouraged but riders must at all times avoid footpaths and minor tracks. Horses hooves do considerable damage to the paths which walkers enjoy and especially to sloping paths when subsequent rain causes severe down wash of the light sandy topsoil.

Mountain-bikers are similarly welcomed but again they must avoid footpaths and minor tracks. They should avoid riding in groups and take great care when descending at speed round blind corners so as not to cause dismay and danger to horses, their riders and walkers with dogs.

Litter or rubbish should be removed. Litter bins are expressly not provided in the car parks. All users are invited to remove the occasional litter discarded by the unthinking minority.

No vehicles are permitted anywhere except in the car parks.

Camping and the use of caravans are not allowed.

No fires may be lit, as the fire risk in dry weather is extreme.

Use of firearms and shotguns is not permitted.

Trees may not be cut down nor wood removed.