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Conford Moor

The National Trust is entering into a Countryside Stewardship Scheme Agreement with Natural England to help facilitate the management of the common. This Agreement will begin on 1st January 2022 and last for 10 years. The National Trust was in a very similar scheme for the past 10 years which ended in 2020 and we have since been working very closely with Natural England to come up with clear objectives for the common. Agreed management for Conford Moor includes bracken and scrub control, tree management, grass cutting, fence maintenance and conservation grazing.

Conford Moor forms part of the Woolmer Forest, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is a Special Protection Area (SPA). Since the 1960's grazing ceased and this led to the area becoming invaded by trees and scrub, resulting in a decline in rare species and nature conservation interest.

Management in the last ten years has been done by mechanical means and this may not be sustainable in the future. There are also many areas of the Moor that cannot be managed in this way due to the terrain. The reintroduction of grazing animals will help to conserve the landscape and keep areas open, thus encourage more diversity of flora and fauna species.

Under section 29 of the National Trust Act 1907, we are permitted to install temporary fencing for up to five years in order to restore the landscape and improve nature conservation. We are planning six compartments across the Moor that will be grazed on rotation. Each compartment will consist of two strands of electric fencing and will be no more than 20m² and 1m high. Water troughs will be located within the temporary electric fencing areas for the cattle. There will be no impact on the bridleway and footpaths across the Moor as these will be outside the compartments. However, spring gates will be provided within the compartments for open access should it be required. Enclosed is a map showing the six proposed grazing areas.

Your ongoing support of the National Trust here at Conford and Passfield is very much appreciated and if you feel like you would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to

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contact me. In the new year we will be holding an open day on Conford Moor, where you are welcome to give us your feedback on our plans.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lucinda Finlay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

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