

FORCE

Friends of the River Crane Environment

Community Learning Project

2017-2018

Photo record



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Winter 2017

Woodland management and hedge management



Hedge laying and dead hedging in Crane Park



Summer 2017

Grassland management with Operation Centaur



Summer 2018 Meadow management



Students from Waldegrave School at Willow Way clearing the hay cut.



Summer 2017

Repairing in-channel structures and marginal planting



Summer 2017

Meadow management

Managing the grass meadow using the traditional hand scything method.
Richard Jones led investigations into invertebrates found on site.



Summer 2017

Meadow management



Volunteers used the cut grass to build a riverside hibernaculum for grass snakes

Meadow management Flora survey

Paul Losse carried out an initial walk over survey on the habitats of the old Hounslow Heath golf course. He recorded over 100 plants during his morning on site including four "London notable species":

in the main sward;

- spotted medick (*Medicago Arabica*)
- small flowered crane's bill (*Geranium pusillum*)

in the sandy bunkers

- Buck's horn plantain (*Plantago coronopus*) equal-leaved knotgrass (*Polygonum arenstrum*).



Winter 2017 Meadow management



Winter 2017/8 Woodland management



Winter 2018 Hedgelaying and wetland management



Summer 2018

Stag beetle habitat creation



A project with a student at Central St Martins' UAL to create a stag beetle loggery. This was a trial for a larger project in South London.

Summer 2018 Meadow management



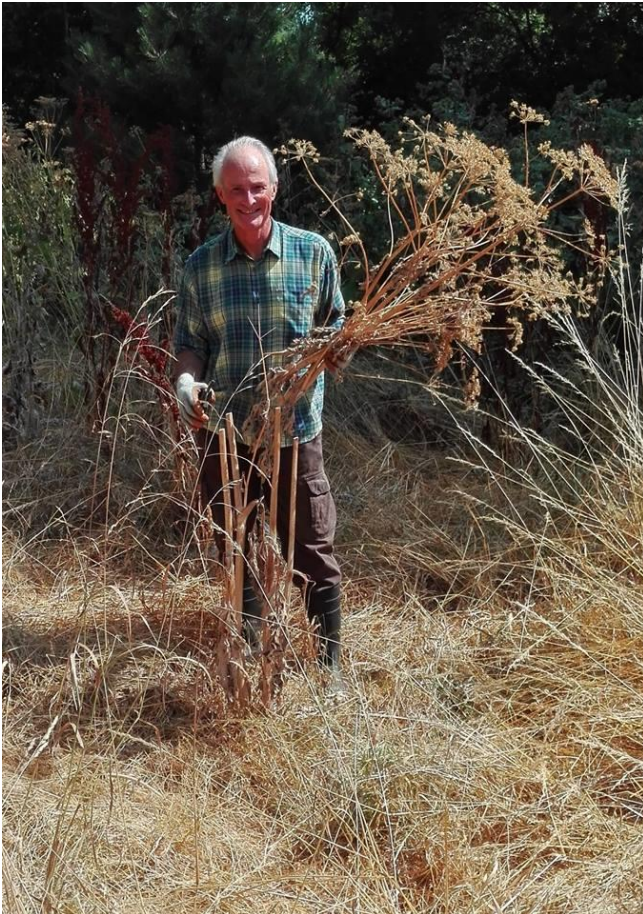
Summer 2018

Repairing in stream river deflectors



Summer 2018

Meadow management



A large stand of tansy in the meadow
knapweed and ladies bedstraw taped off
for protection whilst the hay was scythed
by volunteers last week.

Autumn 2018 Wildlife Surveys



Ecologist Alison Fure in Crane Park for a small mammal survey. The report included recommendations on site management to improve the habitat .

Twelve numbered squares of roofing felt located in Crane Park for a reptile survey of the park. Volunteer surveyors checked them every week.

Winter 2018 Meadow management and woodland management



Secondary laying of a well established hedge in Crane Park.

Winter cut a Willow Way.

2017-2018 Fairs and project promotion



We had a stall at the Mogden Open Day and around 400 attended. We promoted the community learning programme.



FORCE attended the London National Park City Fair in July 2018

