

SAS Site Report 2019

There has been little need for work parties this year. The main access paths are in a reasonable state but will need work doing in the coming season, especially in the corner where the manure was unloaded which is looking a bit tatty now. In the meantime, if anyone feels like wheeling the odd barrow of chippings into this corner from the heap by the main gate please feel free.

We have a band of stalwarts keeping the common areas and under control with weeding, strimming, hedge trimming and mowing, and this is set to continue into 2020. This significantly reduces our need for outside contractors, however we still need the services of professionals to manage the majority of hedges around the site. I think PWG Tree Surgery did a good job once again this year, particularly on the tall Thames Water hedge. We also still have the services of WJM Pest Control but these have recently been disrupted by the lockdown and travel restrictions. Hopefully this will be back on track in the near future.

The Streatley Meadows gate is slowly subsiding meaning it becomes difficult to open and shut the latch. We made some adjustments to it last spring which seem to be holding good but if it continues to play up then more drastic (and expensive) action may be needed.

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