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4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Councillor

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Grounds Committee to be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021** via Zoom teleconference/video-conference facility as permitted by UK Government legislation during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The log in details to join via Zoom are as follows: <https://zoom.us/> with meeting ID: 872 3226 7821 (members of the public are asked to email [committee.admin@petersfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:committee.admin@petersfield-tc.gov.uk) by 5.p.m on the day of the meeting for the password).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Neil Hitch", written over a horizontal line.

Neil Hitch  
Town Clerk

#### A G E N D A

1. Chairman's comments.
2. To receive and record apologies for absence.
3. To consider the granting of a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act (2011) to enable members to participate in, and vote on, an item of business on the agenda where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary Interest and to confirm how long this dispensation may have effect.
4. To receive and record Declarations of Interest. Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, members may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. Councillors must withdraw from the Chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
5. To approve the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (previously distributed).





6. Public Representation - Councillors to receive representation (including items on the agenda) from members of the public provided they (public) have given due notice of their intention to the Town Clerk no later than 10.30 am on the day of the meeting. The maximum time limit allowed per person is three minutes, although this may be reduced if a large number of people express their wish to address Councillors.
7. To receive a presentation on the town tree location survey and the management of three key Petersfield Open Spaces: Penns Farm, The Heath and Goodyer Meadow.
8. To consider a request from the Petersfield Rugby Football Club to install static training stations outside the clubhouse (*attached*).
9. To receive and note the Grounds Report (*attached*).
10. To receive and consider a report on grass cutting options for the Heath (*to follow*).
11. To receive and consider a report from the working party regarding the public consultation on the draft Heath Management Plan (*to follow*).
12. To receive and note information regarding phase 3 of the Heath pond bank stabilisation works (*to follow*).
13. To consider the issue of motorbikes on Goodyer Meadow (*verbal*).
14. To receive and consider the biodiversity report for Goodyer Meadow (*attached*).
15. To consider the outcome of the management plan for Goodyer Meadow, to include a proposal for memorial tree planting (*attached*).
16. To review the decision to close the Sussex Road car park at the Heath.
17. To review the Open Spaces Hiring Regulations (*attached*).
18. To review the Personal Protective Equipment Policy (*attached*).
19. To receive an update on issues relating to the Ramshill Estate (*verbal*).

Confidential

20. To receive and consider any staff or confidential matters

~ End







## PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr Neil R Hitch  
Town Clerk  
Petersfield Town Council  
The Town Hall  
Heath Rd  
Petersfield  
Hampshire GU31 4EA

04.02.2021

Dear Neil,

### **Re: Static Training Stations @ Penns Place**

Further to the proposal for Static Training Stations raised at the January Grounds Committee, I write with more details of our preferred arrangement.

Please find attached drawing Static Training Stations.

This drawing details the layout we would like to install at Penns Place on the land we currently lease from PTC and on the land at the rear of the Clubhouse we are currently going through the Community Asset Transfer to Petersfield RFC.

In talking you through the plan drawing:

At the Rear of the Clubhouse:

1. The club installed in 2018 a plastic grass area in front of the Changing Block. Sadly, this surface has sadly deteriorated through use and is in need of replacement.  
This area is part of the land in the CAT arrangement.  
In looking at the area the club would like to not only replace the existing but install a greater area – extending towards the SINC tree line.  
As exciting this area is open to the public and would remain open at all times.  
Given the COVID restrictions and the great English weather, the club would like to install an open gazebo style tent over an area of the new plastic grass installation to provide an undercover area for outside training in the future.  
This area would be of great benefit to our members and to the Gladiator Fitness Group that currently operate out of the Club Gym.





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2. At the rear of the Clubhouse we would like to install a shipping container (which will be locked unless in use).

This will be used for several things.

- Storage – currently we have an issue where we have a lack of storage space in the clubhouse and the wheelie bins we purchased for pitch flags and protectors dominate the training kit room.

Our plan is to relocate them to this container together with storage for external training aids the club has (sledges you add weights to and push or pull along, battle ropes etc.)

- One Side of the Container and the rear will be kitted out as a climbing wall.

This is not a high climbing wall, but provides a horizontal arrangement and it would be fitted with grips for adults and children – all good core strength training.

- The other Side of the Container would have a structure and a rope net attached – providing an opportunity for adults and children to climb – again all good core strength training.

Along the end of Pitches 1 & 2 – we would like to install 4 Static Training Units.

3. Dip Bars – a pair of parallel bars for exercising, improving shoulder and chest strength.
4. Assault Wall – 2.5m wall – using a range of muscles to ascend and descend.
5. Monkey Bar – for arm strength works.
6. Pull Up Bar – 3 heights covering children to adults.

It is proposed the Shipping Container and all 4 Static Stations will be mounted on a concrete base (typ. 6x3m) with an area 1-1.5m around each item fitted with composite rubber matting (as used in outside play areas), the thickness (50 – 100mm) relative to the exercise station and height etc. as per statutory requirements.

The matting will finish flush with the grass level, so there are no trip hazards.

All of the above will be designed with Safe Use in mind and be **open to the public at all times to use** – which the Club actively encourages as part of its Wellbeing Strategy.





## PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Petersfield Rugby Club adopted a Wellbeing Strategy in 2017 working with MIND Charity, promoting good mental health through the club, and investing in 4 MIND Ambassadors together with teaming up with Steve Stidolph and his Gladiator Brand to promote good physical health.

Steve joined and has now taken over as the Club Strength and Conditioning Coach, and in the past 2 years has worked extensively with the Senior and Colts Set up.

The 2021-22 Season will see a roll out of his skill through the Junior teams.

The installation of the static stations will provide a greater facility for strength and conditioning development for all Club members, encourage competition and further enhance the Clubs Wellbeing programme.

The Club is keen to enhance its facility further and for the above – Design them, seek Planning Approval, fund them (all contributions welcome!) and install them to the required statutory standards.

If PTC could please consider this request at the February Grounds Meeting

Yours sincerely

Stuart Barden  
**Chairman Petersfield RFC**



1. All new and existing building work dimensions are critical to the construction process.
2. All drawings are preliminary unless stated differently. Preliminary drawings are not to be built or manufactured from.
3. Drawing dimensions and scales to be checked prior to commencement of any work.
4. All structural work where mentioned on this drawing is subject to a qualified structural and civil engineer calculations before any building work commence.
5. These plans may be subject to Planning and/or Building Regulations approval and any other statute in law before the commencement of building works.
6. All materials to match existing unless otherwise stated.

Rev	Date	Amendment	By

Site: Petersfield Rugby Club

Title: Sports Training Stations

Client: Petersfield Rugby Club

Drawing No: PPRC-PTTC-1

Drawn by: Kamil Noori

Date: 04.02.2021

Checked by: S.B

Scale: 1:1000

Sheet Size: A3



Petersfield Rugby Club  
The Clubhouse  
Penna Place  
Petersfield  
GU31 4EP





# Grounds Report

## March 2021

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*This report seeks to inform councillors of matters of interest affecting any of the public open space land which we own or manage. Members are reminded that its contents are not available for debate, but questions can always be asked and we will seek to answer them, however it should be borne in mind that if they involve the need for investigation or would be complex or lengthy, answers will need to be given outside of the meeting. If councillors consider that any matter on the report is in need of debate, the subject can be added to a future meeting's agenda for this purpose.*

### **The Heath**

- March maintenance schedule.
- Replace log wall near tunnel due to rot and heavy play.

### **Love Lane Playing Fields**

- March pitch maintenance rugby/football (conditions dependent)
- Skate park repairs.

### **Penns Farm Playing Fields**

- March pitch maintenance schedule (conditions dependent).

### **Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

- March maintenance schedule.
- Replace wooden fencing in play area (awaiting delivery)

### **Paddock Way**

- March maintenance schedule.

### **Woods Meadow**

- March maintenance schedule.

### **Ramshill**

- March maintenance schedule

### **Borough Rd**

- March maintenance schedule

### **High Meadow**

- March maintenance schedule

### **Avenue**

- March maintenance schedule

### **ASB**

- Amber for love lane.
- Red for Goodyer meadows
- Green for all other sites.

Dugg Budd  
Grounds Manager  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021



**Causeway Farm**  
**SU75002235**  
**72-0319**  
**East Hampshire District**

**Habitat Survey**



Date of Survey:	24/08/2020 and 26/08/2020
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Written by:	Joel Miller
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Validated by:	Amy Robjohns
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Date of validation:	25/02/2021
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Last reviewed by:	
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Date of review:	
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Information Centre



## Survey Summary

### Causeway Farm

24/08/2020-26/08/2020

#### Site Details

Grid Reference :	SU75002235	File Reference :	72-0319
Total Area :	15.4 ha		
Civil Parish :	Petersfield		
District :	East Hampshire		
Vice-County :	11, South Hampshire		

#### Survey Details

Survey Type :	Phase II
Survey Date :	24/08/2020-26/08/2020
Survey Time on Site :	11 (hrs)
Data Owned By :	Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Partnership
Data Recorded By :	Joel Miller, HBIC

#### Site Summary

Causeway Farm lies on the south-eastern edge of Petersfield. The South Stream, a tributary of the River Rother, runs through the centre of the site from north to south.

#### Site Designations

None recorded

#### Site Features

<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Features	Stream
Invasive Species	Indian Balsam
Invasive Species	Stinging-nettle
Management	Mowing
Usage	Dog Walking
Usage	Public Access

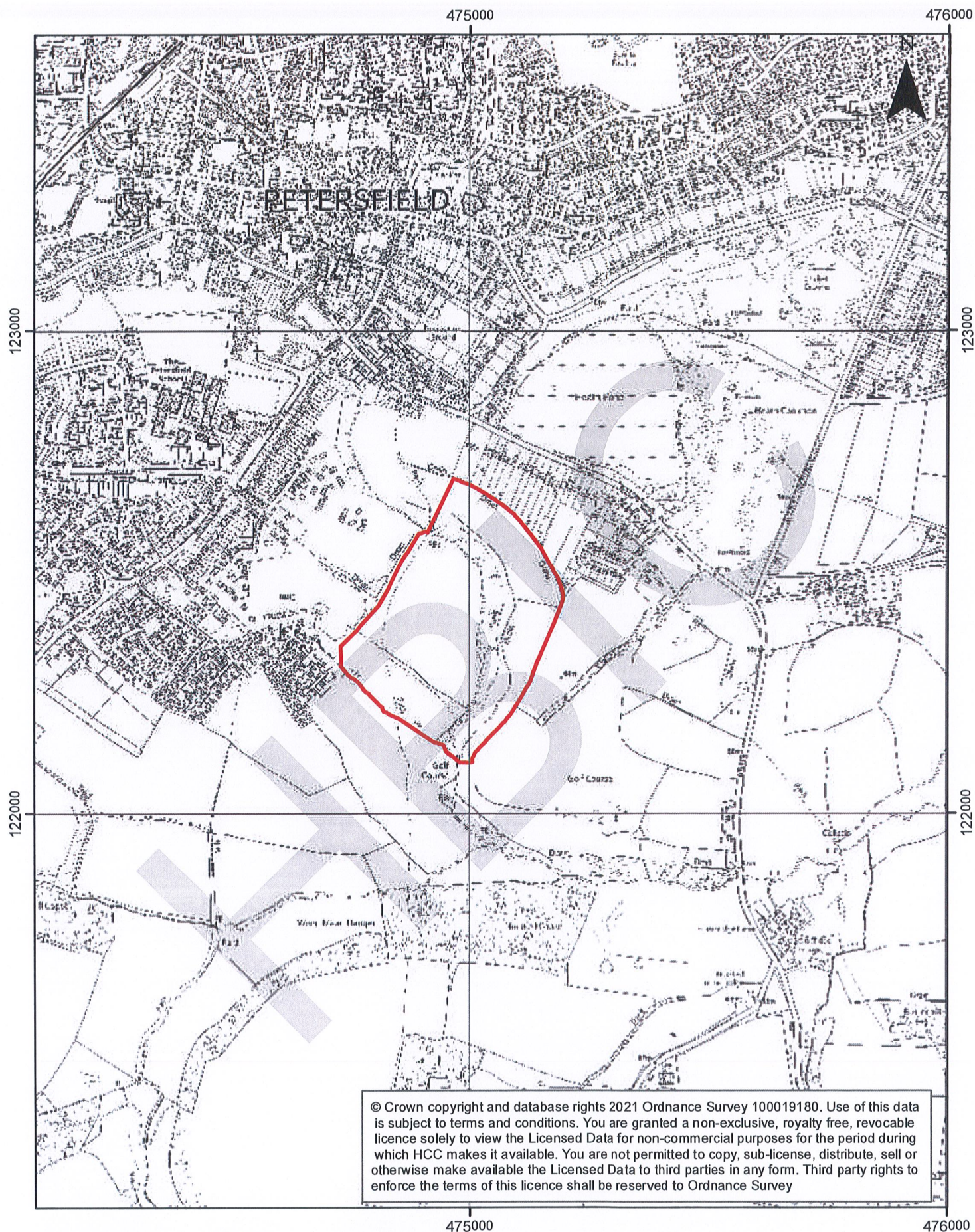
#### Priority Habitats

<u>Priority Habitats</u>	<u>Area</u>
Purple moor grass and rush pasture	
Hedgerows	

#### Notable Species

None recorded





### Legend

- Sites for Survey (2020)



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
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SUB-SAMPLE  
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WEST  
SUB-SAMPLE  
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WOOD  
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## Legend

 Sites for Survey (2020)

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HBIC Survey Programme 2020  
Causeway Farm  
SU75002235

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## **Survey Details**

### **Site Description**

Causeway Farm lies on the south-eastern edge of Petersfield. The South Stream, a tributary of the River Rother, runs through the centre of the site from north to south. There is a Gault and Upper Greensand Formation (mudstone-sandstone-limestone) bedrock below. The large Heath Common SINC is situated close by to the north. The c1866 OS map shows the site as open fields alongside the stream. The eastern field have water channels across it and this area is noted as a historic water meadow site. The site can be split into three Sub-Samples.

Causeway Farm East is the old water meadow. There is a blocked water channel running parallel to the stream along its length. The valley slope is slight to the north and becomes steeper to the south. There is little sign of traditional water meadow or floodplain habitat remaining within the area. The grassland present is grass-dominated and fairly species-poor. Species such as yorkshire fog, bents and timothy are prominent on the dryer ground. Marshy grassland is found along the line of the water channel and in a few wetter hollows and flushes. This marsh is improved in quality with a sward composed of yorkshire fog, creeping bent, soft rush and hairy sedge. At the southern end of the Sub-Sample there is more variety of habitat, with some signs of semi-improved vegetation. Rush-pasture is noted here as well as tall-herb fen and some open swamp within the open stream.

Causeway Farm West is on slightly higher, dryer ground. It is not mapped as old water meadow and shows little sign of inundation from the stream. The grassland present is improved and fairly species poor. At the southern end there is a slope down to a slight valley. There is more diverse grassland present along this slope, which supports greater herb cover and some lowland meadow species. The sward is borderline semi-improved in quality. At the base of the slope is marshy vegetation which is fairly improved in quality and is being invaded by scrub. To the north is another area of marshy vegetation. This appears to be modern of origin, created by recent disturbance. Within this area is a newly dug pond. There was a small amount of marginal and aquatic vegetation noted.

The Woodland Sub-Sample is found along South Stream. The banks are wooded and support stands of wet and dry woodland. Alder is abundant but there is a fairly low cover from marsh and swamp species. Stinging-nettle, false brome and, unfortunately, the non-native invasive species indian balsam are prominent. At the southern end is a stand of more immature willow woodland. Dryer woodland has a mature oak canopy over a similar ground flora. Ancient woodland indicators are present along the stream, a total of 9, but they are generally found at low frequencies.

The whole site has a variety of hedgerows present. These range from complete to derelict. They are mostly overgrown and have developed into hedge-with-trees along several of the boundaries. These have mature trees and some woodland flora, especially notable along the south-east and south-western boundaries. There are some old to veteran oak trees present within the site, particularly to the eastern margin. Bramble and blackthorn scrub are spreading out from these boundary features.

Overall, the site supports semi-natural habitats of mostly moderate value at present. The habitat diversity, especially along the water courses is of interest. There is potential for enhancement for wildlife, particularly within along the stream and floodplain to the east.

### **Management and Recommendation**

The current management is unclear. Regular management has occurred across the majority of the site as the sward is not especially rough or scrubby.

The northern area of Causeway Farm West has been recently disturbed as part of adjacent development work. The resulting marshy grassland may not be permanent in the long term. It is not clear if this area will be developed in the near future.



The pond in this northern area was created very recently, possibly as part of a SUDs scheme. The pond is sunk into the ground, perhaps to help reduce disturbance from the nearby public footpath. The edges of the pond are fairly steeply graded, which may hinder the development of marginal vegetation.

Causeway Farm East has a fair potential for enhancement for wildlife. Its current value as part of an undeveloped river valley corridor can be increased. Restoring water meadow management would be ideal, though a tricky proposition. There is little remnant water meadow vegetation present to help seed this restoration work.

An alternative to restoring traditional management techniques could be to allow more natural inundation events to take place across the floodplain. Existing water channels could be dug out or hollows created/enlarged in order to encourage marsh/fen/swamp habitats to establish. Encouraging flooding events across this area will be beneficial to flora and fauna.

The woodland along the stream is probably the most valuable habitat currently present. However, the wet woodland is not very high in diversity and there is no ancient woodland present. The stream habitat would greatly benefit from being more open. Allowing more light to reach the stream should encourage more swamp and open water habitat. Streambanks with fewer trees are likely to be less dry and possibly support more marsh/swamp species. Evidence for this is found at the southern end where there is swamp vegetation within the open stream.

Causeway Farm West has less obvious potential wildlife value than the other Sub-Samples. This is due to the heavily improved and dryer soil present for much of the area. Diversifying this sward will be difficult to do as the area is outside the flood zone of the South Stream. The most likely area to target is the southern slope and valley which retains some signs of lowland meadow and rush-pasture habitat. The scrub presence also increases its wildlife interest.

Across the site the optimal management in the future is grazing. This management is particularly important if wildlife enhancement is the target. Grazing creates a structurally diverse sward, breaks up thatch and allows light to reach the pockets of bare ground so that species can establish or thrive. Grazing at suitable levels and times should help diversify herb and species within the sward and this, along with the structural diversity will be beneficial for fauna. Permanent pasture should not be considered as this usually produces a very short sward of lower wildlife interest.

If grazing is not possible then mowing is the next best option. It is vital that arisings are removed from the ground and site after cutting. This reduces thatch and allows sunlight to reach the soil. It also removes nutrients from the site. Recreating the benefits of grazing with mowing is not easy. To knock back the grassland growth a spring cut could be tried (if the site is not too wet). A cut in summer will allow some re-growth before winter. Differential cutting times across the site will ensure that some meadow habitat is present at all times.

The hedgerows provide valuable habitat interest across the site. Ideally, these hedgerows should be maintained and protected.

Scrub is a valuable component of grassland. It adds habitat and structural diversity, especially when providing 'edge' habitat which is required by many faunal species. Discrete areas of scrub should be retained within the site. But care should be taken that areas of the more interesting grassland are not lost to scrub invasion.

### Area description

- Causeway Farm East Sub-Sample (SU75102245)

Area 1 – MG1b *Arrhenatherum elatius* grassland, *Urtica dioica* sub-community (IHS GI0.GM1)

Along the dryer stream to the south is an area rough, fairly grassland. The tall sward is composed of false oat-grass, stinging-nettle, yorkshire fog, hogweed, timothy and cock's-foot.



Area 2 – MG6 *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland (IHS GI0.GM1)

The grassland on the floodplain and valley slope is improved and fairly species-poor. There is little sign of remnant water meadow habitat. There is a tendency to the MG11 (*Festuca rubra*-*Agrostis stolonifera*-*Potentilla anserina* grassland) floodplain community but very little sign of the traditional (more valuable) MG8 (*Cynosurus cristatus*-*Caltha palustris* grassland) water meadow vegetation.

Grasses dominate, with herb coverage low. Yorkshire fog is abundant which suggest some water flow or inundation of the soil. There is also much creeping bent, cock's-foot, docks, red fescue, meadow foxtail, timothy, rye grass and field bindweed. Damper areas, representing flushes from the slope of hollows, have locally frequent hairy sedge and amphibious bistort.

Area 3 – MG7 *Lolium perenne* leys and related grasslands (IHS GI0.GM1)

This area appears more heavily influenced by modern seeding. Timothy is prominent and there is some yorkshire fog, bents, cock's-foot and rye grass.

Area 4 – MG10a *Holcus lanatus*-*Juncus effusus* rush-pasture, typical sub-community (IHS GNZ.GM1)

The slight valley along the length of the old water meadow channel supports marshy grassland. The sward is improved in quality with few rush-pasture species and a general low floral diversity. Yorkshire fog is abundant and there is much creeping bent, common bent, timothy, hairy sedge and soft rush. There is also some rough meadow-grass, greater bird's-foot trefoil, amphibious bistort and red fescue.

Area 5 – M23b *Juncus effusus*/*acutiflorus*-*Galium palustre* rush-pasture, *Juncus effusus* sub-community Purple Moor-Grass and Rush-Pasture Priority Habitat (IHS EM4Z.GM1)

This is the only area of semi-improved marsh on the site. It is more diverse than Area 4 and has more rush-pasture species. The main species in the sward are soft rush, yorkshire fog, creeping bent, water mint, docks and floating sweet-grass. There is also some water forget-me-not, reed sweet-grass, branched bur-reed and marsh marigold.

Area 6 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community (IHS EM3Z.GM4)

This area of land between the stream and the woodland appears to receive minimal management. The tall-herb vegetation has some marsh and swamp species but also some signs of recent disturbance, possibly from scrub or tree removal. The sward is composed of stinging-nettle, angelica, hedge bindweed, mugwort, yorkshire fog, hogweed, reed canary-grass, indian balsam and bramble.

Area 7 – S14 *Sparganium erectum* swamp (IHS EM21.LT2)

Along the open stream to the south is stand of swamp. There is a good level of vegetation. The main species are branched bur-reed, reed canary-grass and water mint.

Area 8 – W22 *Prunus spinosa*-*Rubus fruticosus* scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

The more mature scrub is formed of blackthorn and bramble.

Area 9 – W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Bramble dominates many of the margins of the site.



- Causeway Farm West Sub-Sample (SU74902233)

Area 10 – MG6 *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland (IHS GI0.GM1)

The grassland on the flat, higher ground is improved in quality. Grasses are dominant and the sward drifts to the MG7 in places. It is species-poor. The main species are yorkshire fog, bents, timothy, rye grass, cock's-foot, dandelion and hairy sedge. There is also some sweet vernal grass, white clover, docks, creeping thistle and creeping buttercup.

Area 11 – MG6b *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland, *Anthoxanthum odoratum* sub-community (IHS GI0.SC2.GM1)

This southern slope supports a sward with some signs of unimproved grassland. There is a greater herb cover and presence from lowland meadow species. The sward is borderline semi-improved in quality.

The vegetation is composed of yorkshire fog, bents, hairy sedge, ribwort plantain, meadow foxtail, sweet vernal grass and bird's-foot trefoil. Scrub is occasional to locally frequent in the eastern part. Other species noted include crested dog's-tail, dandelion, red fescue, fleabane, smooth hawk's-beard, cock's-foot, white clover and hoary ragwort.

Area 12 – MG7 *Lolium perenne* leys and related grasslands (IHS GI0.GM1)

The paths have been re-sown with rye grass. There is also some annual meadow-grass, cock's-foot, bents, white clover and yorkshire fog.

Area 13 – MG10a *Holcus lanatus*-*Juncus effusus* rush-pasture, typical sub-community (IHS GNZ.GM1)

The marsh at the base of the southern slope is a remnant area of rush-pasture. It is improved in quality though, with a low species diversity. The sward is composed of yorkshire fog, creeping buttercup, creeping bent, hedge bindweed and stinging-nettle.

The vegetation to the north is of modern origin, appearing to be the result of recent disturbance. The main species are yorkshire fog, creeping bent, soft rush, creeping buttercup, white clover, timothy and docks. There is also some bird's-foot trefoil, meadow foxtail, hard rush, hairy sedge and cock's-foot.

Area 14 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community (IHS EM3Z.SC2.GM4)

This area of marshy grassland has a fairly rank and scrubby vegetation. There are some signs of remnant rush-pasture present. The main species are Stinging-nettle, hedge bindweed, yorkshire fog, creeping buttercup and bramble. There is some water mint, creeping thistle, great willowherb, meadowsweet and angelica.

Area 15 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community / W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub under-scrub (IHS EM3Z.SC1.GM4)

The marshy vegetation of Area 14 has become scrubbed with bramble.

Area 16 – W22 *Prunus spinosa*-*Rubus fruticosus* scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Blackthorn and bramble scrub is found here.

Area 17 – W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Bramble scrub is dominant at the southern margin of the site.



Area 18 – Pond (IHS AS3.AP1Z)

The pond has been created very recently. There is no clear water source into the pond. The pond is sunk into the ground with slopes down to the water. The pond margins are not graded into the water. They support soft rush, hairy sedge and grasses rather than emergent swamp species. There was little aquatic vegetation present so far, though fennel pondweed was noted.

- Causeway Farm Woodland Sub-Sample (SU74902233)

Area 19 – W1 *Salix cinerea*-*Galium palustre* woodland (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

The more immature stands of wet woodland have a short, scrubby canopy of willow. There is stinging-nettle, indian balsam, hedge bindweed, yorkshire fog and bramble.

Area 20 – W6 *Alnus glutinosa*-*Urtica dioica* woodland (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

Along the streambanks is a mostly dry wet woodland stand. Alder trees are over a willow shrub layer. The field layer is dominated by stinging-nettle and indian balsam. There is also much false brome, giant fescue, yorkshire fog, bramble hedge bindweed and ground-ivy. A few marsh and swamp species are present on the wetter ground, such as bitter-sweet, water mint, reed canary-grass and remote sedge. A few ancient woodland indicators are present at low frequencies.

Area 21 – W8d *Fraxinus excelsior*-*Acer campestre*-*Mercurialis perennis* woodland, *Hedera helix* sub-community (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

The woodland is dryer here. There is some mature oak trees over a scrubby understorey of blackthorn, hawthorn, willow and hazel. The ground flora is composed of stinging-nettle, false brome, indian balsam, cock's-foot, bare ground, ground-ivy, yorkshire fog and giant fescue. A few ancient woodland indicators were noted but the stand does not appear to be ancient or old.

- Hedgerow Sub-Sample

H1	This hedge is intact and overgrown. It is formed of hawthorn, blackthorn, willow, dog rose, bramble, stinging-nettle and ivy.	IHS LF11.LH1.LM22 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H2	This hedge is derelict with much bramble in between the shrubs of field maple, hawthorn, elder, oak, hazel and blackthorn.	IHS LF11.LH2.LM22 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H3	The hedge-with-trees has a mature oak over mostly intact shrubs of blackthorn, hawthorn, willow, dog rose and bramble.	IHS LF11.LH1.LM31 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H4	The hedge-with-trees is derelict here with gaps below the mature oak trees. There is some hawthorn, blackthorn and bramble. It resembles a line of trees in places with grassland below.	IHS LF11.LH2.LM31 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H5	The hedgerow is derelict and dominated by bramble rather than woody species.	IHS LF1Z.LH2.LM12

Trees

Below is a list of the more notable trees present within the site.



- T1 Old oak with c4.75m girth at head height. 4 fallen limbs around tree suggest poor health.
- T2 Very mature oaks.
- T3 Old oak pollard with c5.25m girth at head height.
- T4 Old oak pollard with c4.4m girth at head height.
- T5 Very mature ash.
- T6 Old oak pollard with c4.75m girth at head height. Low cut pollard.
- T7 Potential veteran oak pollard with c6m girth.



**Photo 1** – Showing grass dominated sward at northern end of Causeway Farm East.





**Photo 2** – Showing improved marsh along former water channel in Causeway Farm East.



**Photo 3** – Showing northern half of Causeway Farm East.





**Photo 4** – Showing marsh along old water channel in southern half of Causeway Farm East.



**Photo 5** – Showing shape of valley floor in Causeway Farm East.





**Photo 6** – Showing T1 old oak in Causeway Farm East with fallen limbs.





**Photo 7** – Showing woodland along stream.



**Photo 8** – Showing open tall-herb vegetation at southern edn of Causeway Farm East.



**Photo 9** – Showing dryer woodland along stream.





**Photo 10** – Showing improved marsh at base of southern slope in Causeway Farm West.



**Photo 11** – Showing more diverse sward on southern slope in Causeway Farm West.





**Photo 12** – Showing improved, grass-dominated sward in Causeway Farm West.



**Photo 13** – Showing new pond at northern end of Causeway Farm West.





**Photo 14** – Showing improved marsh after disturbance in Causeway Farm West.





## **The 1914-18 Memorial Tree Plantation Project**

### **1. Introduction & Background**

1.1 The author is obliged to be given an opportunity to revisit this idea which was originally promulgated some years ago under the previous Council Membership. It is thought some background for this current Membership may help to put the project into context.

1.2 During the period 2014-2018 PTC carried out a number of WW1 Anniversary initiatives/projects. The idea of planting a Memorial Area of Trees emanated from the Petersfield Society's successful iTree Survey and the need for an increased tree canopy % across the Town. At that time it was considered a good move to install a fitting Memorial to those listed on our War Memorial for WW1 after 100 years and at the same time as contributing to expanding our tree canopy in the Town. The total was agreed at 112 – one for each individual. A number of ideas were spoken about with the outcome thought best as a determined Memorial Glade within a specified area of PTC ground. A number of areas were considered after a concept design was formulated. These included Bell Hill and Heath. Both were discounted.

1.3 A launch planting was carried out on 30 Nov 18 at Love Lane with the planting of an Oak Tree. The view at the time is that it would be possible to plan the ensuing project by aiming to plant (somewhere) a tree to represent a memorial for each individual listed on the War Memorial. The timing was perfect to complete by 10 Jan 20 which was the date 100 years after the ratification and effective date of the Treaty of Versailles (28 June 1919).

### **2. Where we are now**

2.1 The purchase of Goodyer Meadow has presented a further such possible area and thus plans for the Meadow were awaited to input the idea. Now that PTC is considering the Management Plan for the Meadow, now is the time to revisit.

### **3. Methodology**

3.1 Originally the aim was to work on the premise that we can attract local community help in design and planting using the good offices of the Petersfield Society who were very keen to help us steer and also advances and promotes their own ethos of increasing tree canopy.

3.2 Some very preliminary work was discussed but did not advance. We now have the prospect of advice and assistance from the Tree Warden Volunteer Project as well as the benefit of including a concept into the Management Plan.



## 4. Funding

4.1 At that time there were a number of opportunities for applying for grants to assist including a budget from our WW1 Fund from FY 18/19. This will need to be revisited.

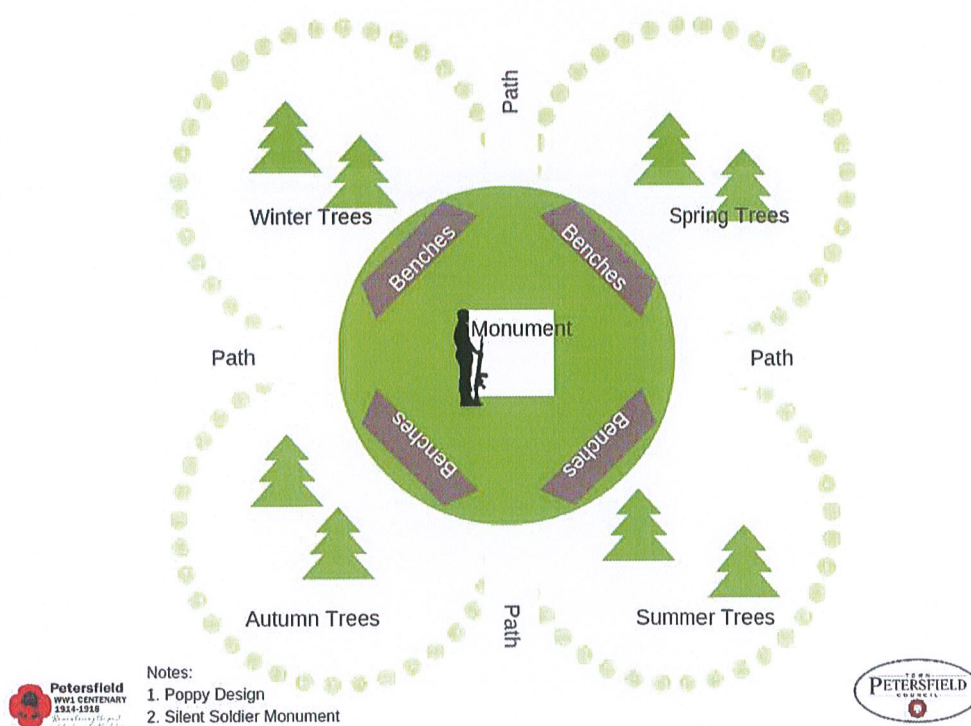
## 5. Design

5.1 An initial concept has been considered and is illustrated below. It need not all be completed in one time. The key points are:

- Designed in a Poppy Shape as an aerial view
- Designed as a place to go/visit rather than a thoroughfare (as have would have been on the Heath for instance)
- Gives further opportunity for a monument/statue or artwork in the central area for future such memorial anniversaries.
- Allows for the procurement of Memorial Benches either by or for individuals, sponsored ones or community organisational ones.
- Allows for the re-location of our Silent Soldier or both

## 6. Summary & Proposals

6.1 In summary this is once again and at this stage simply an idea perhaps to be built on or discounted. The proposal is to allow the idea to be included in the brief for the writing of the Management Plan which may lead to the possibility of planting or perhaps suggesting an alternative.



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