

# Downley Common Newsletter

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## Annual General Meeting

This is a reminder that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. In addition to the usual suggestions for working party activities, agenda items will include:

- Reports from Chairman and Treasurer
- Election of Officers (new committee members are welcome)
- Arrangements for Bonfire night

## Community Plan

Some of you may have heard about the Downley Community Plan that is being organised by a committee run by Chris Hamilton, the Parish Clerk and supported by Buckinghamshire Community Action (BCA).

The idea is to give the residents of Downley a say in what goes on their area, to deal with specific issues and work together to inform local decision-making and planning.

To start with, the committee was at Downley Day, talking to local people to find out what they thought about a range of local issues comprising:

- transport & highways,
- local environment & planning,
- community facilities & activities,
- law order
- young people & education

This will be followed up by a more comprehensive survey of all the residents of Downley using both online survey methods (SurveyMonkey) and doorstep interviews. The results of this will collated into a Community Plan which be shared with the District and County Councils.

Those wishing to know more or to get more involved should contact Chris Hamilton on 01494 462195 or [downley\\_pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:downley_pc@tiscali.co.uk).

## Treecutting

We announced last September that we were applying to remove some trees on Commonsides in order to open up the centre part and to stop Commonsides being divided in two. We received approval for that and have now made a start. At the September work party we used the tractor winch to uproot one of the smaller hawthorns and there is now very remaining.

This means that with no remaining stump that could easily re-grow the grass-cutting can go right over the area.

We will attempt to do the same thing with the other trees to be removed, although some of them are quite large and it could be a struggle to pull them up. We shall see how it goes at the October work party. All volunteers are welcome so please come along on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.

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1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009, 8.00pm	DCPS Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009, 10.00am	Working Party	Meet at Commonsides
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009, 10.00am	Working Party	Meet at Commonsides
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009, 2.00pm	Working Party	Meet at Commonsides
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009, 10.00am	Working Party – Bonfire building	Bonfire site
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2009, 1.00pm	Working Party – Bonfire building	Bonfire site
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009, 6:30pm	Bonfire & Torchlight Procession	Bonfire site
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009, 10:00am	Clear up bonfire site	Bonfire site
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2009, 10.00am	Working Party	Meet at Old Dairy
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2009, 12.00pm	New Year Beacon	Commonsides