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# News from the Commons



Dear Neighbours,

A big sunny, smiley hello from the Commons, here is your latest news and updates on what we've been up to recently.

- While we have all been enjoying the sunshine, please spare a thought for poor Ranger Dan who is having to spend a great deal of his time watering all of the new trees that he planted in the Winter, thank you Dan for your efforts!
- With this glorious weather we have been plagued by people having bbqs on the Commons again, as a reminder we do not allow bbqs or campfires on the Commons at all, never, ever, NO!
- We're busy working on a new self guided walk of the trees of significance on Tunbridge Wells Common and hope that the printed leaflet will be available to pick up in the next month or so, so do look out for this.
- Our Saturday and Ranger volunteers have again been working their socks off on bramble and bracken control, path clearances, litter picking, bench refurbishments and surveying...our next Saturday session takes place this Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> June) meeting at 10.30am at Fir Tree Road car park.
- This year we have made a big effort to keep picnic spots, paths and tracks more clear of bramble and vegetation, following feedback from our public engagement questionnaire last Winter. We do hope that this means you can enjoy more of the Commons, more of the time.
- In response to feedback, our events diary has also been more healthy this year with activities kindly supported by the Friends of the Commons. Coming up we have a butterfly walk, wildlife walk, bats the revenge walk and two fungi walks. If you're interested in joining us for any of these, please keep an eye on our events page of our website.

Gemma and Ranger Dan

Pics are a grass snake spotted at Happy Valley, near the Beacon and our modified mowing regime to support the national no-mow May campaign.

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