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News from the Commons



Dear Neighbours,

Welcome to News from the Commons, sharing news about our ecology, volunteering and other adventures.

- On the 24th August we welcomed naturalist Michael Blencowe back to the Commons to host a family nature walk on Rusthall Common. We chatted about our impressive Royal Fern, elm trees, fungi, dormice, harebells, dragonflies and a whole range of species that came out to investigate what we were up to. The walks are proving to be very popular and already Michael is a much loved face on the Commons. If you would like to get advance warning about our events please do email me (gemma.stapeley@twcommons.org) to be added to our email distribution list.
- Work to refurbish and install new benches on the Commons continues at a rapid rate with three benches being refurbished over the last month. All three have been rededicated in memory of members of our community and we are honoured that the Commons remains a special place for so many people.
- Every Tuesday our dedicated group of Ranger volunteers spends several hours on the Commons, working alongside Ranger Dan...and when I say working, I mean working their socks off! It is unbelievable to see all of the projects they have accomplished, we are so very grateful to them all.
- Summer seems to be disappearing before our very eyes and the silly season of storms has returned. Please do exercise caution when using the Commons during periods of high winds and heavy rain, we never close, so perhaps delay your walk until the weather improves.
- Our next volunteering session takes place this Saturday, meeting at the entrance to Happy Valley/outside St Paul's Church at 10.00am...please do come along and help if you can.

Gemma and Ranger Dan

Pics are of the Family Nature Walk and chamomile growing on the Lower Cricket Pitch on Tunbridge Wells Common.

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