

MAY UPDATE FROM HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Surrey Hills National Landscape consultation - We are lucky to live in this landscape. So we discussed the HPC response to the Surrey Hills management plans for 2025 to 2030 as found at surreyhills.org/surrey-hills-management-plan-2025-2030/ Lengthy plans, but individual feedback is wanted too. If you care about the Surrey Hills, **now is the time to give your views** - deadline 6th June. The headings are: arts and cultural heritage; biodiversity and water resources; the economy, tourism and communities; farming; planning issues; recreation and wellbeing; transport; and woodlands, hedgerows and trees.

Enjoying Surrey Hills walks? - Paths are now dry and passable, but... Surrey CC can only fund maintenance works on a very few strategic paths. The Hascombe Estate has improved some, which is a great contribution. The Ramblers Association helps too. But increasingly dramatic weather patterns will require more action to maintain paths. The parish council and locals with land adjoining the footpaths and bridleways will need to join in! We made a start in May digging a big drain trench from the path across the valley from The White Horse. Giant hogweed on another local path has also been killed, with the landowner's permission. The walkabout to identify other pressing problems will happen later in summer.

Waverley Borough Police Commander, Rob Brian came and discussed several local operations. He described how the police are working more closely with other agencies and departments in Waverley covering crime, anti-social behaviour, environmental, electricity theft, and more, some of it in connection with developments at Stovolds Hill. Police teams in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire are also co-ordinating activity.

Chairman's annual report - if you'd like to read the Chairman's annual report, it will be on the HPC website shortly on www.hascombeparish.gov.uk

Next HPC meeting - 7.30pm 7th July at the Village Hall.