

# Ewelme Watercress Beds

## Local Nature Reserve



**Workday report - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

A low turnout but useful contacts made. Made a start on meadow cutting.

**Next workday – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010.**

1. **Top Meadow** – Clearing cut material and heaping on compost sites.
2. **Channel clearing** – concentrate on area immediately above Road Bridge
3. **Bullrush in bed below road bridge** – remove seed heads
4. **Lower end of site** – Erect fencing to either side of new gate.
5. **High Street Beds** – Another bed needs clearing before re-planting and channel widening elsewhere
6. **Purging Buckthorn** – Carry out nettle clearance
7. **Mill Weir** – clear weed growth from brickwork below weir and assess state of brickwork
8. **Watercress Centre** – continue to build small “lean-to” shed for extra storage after laying slabs for floor.
9. **H & S** - Erect small safety fence just below Mill
10. **Earth and Concrete Bund** - Remove any arisings present.
11. **Trout Pond** – re-instate channel.
12. **Watercress Centre** – fix roller blinds to velux windows

**Reminder list – feel free to use these as “fill-in” jobs**

- All compost heaps on site could be tidied by heaping up from outside
- Hand weed shrub areas
- Remove Crowfoot from bed in front of centre

Copies via email to local volunteers, Conservation Volunteers and Managers. Also available on line at <http://www.ewelmewatercressbeds.org/>

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