



14 July 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

Broxhead Common

Hampshire County Council, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC), as the managers of Broxhead Common, are considering options for the long term, sustainable management of the Common for the benefit of both people and wildlife. To advise and facilitate this process they have engaged consultants - Footprint Ecology - with particular experience of the issues involved in managing common land for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

A background paper and leaflet on the Common have been produced, and further information about the possible management options is included in a more detailed paper that has also been prepared, together with a questionnaire. These documents are available to view at www.hants.gov.uk/broxhead-common.

We are keen to hear the views of local and national organisations on the future management of this important area. We would be grateful if you could respond either by e-mail to jim.white@footprint-ecology.co.uk or by writing to Jim White at Footprint Ecology, Forest Office, Cold Harbour, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7PA. We would also be pleased to see representatives at the open day on Sunday 22 July, detailed on the background papers.

We hope to complete these consultations by the end of August 2012, after which the site managers will decide on preferred options for future management in light of the views you and others have given us. At that point we will be in touch with you again.

The County Council, the Wildlife Trust and ARC are seeking the best solutions for the future management of the Common and the widest consensus on how this can be achieved. Please help us by giving your views and ideas.

Yours sincerely,

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