



BOXHILL COMMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

Box Parish Council own and manage Box Hill common which is appropriately 11.9 acres divided up into three distinct areas- top, middle and lower common. Box Parish Council commissioned a comprehensive assessment to assist them in their management of the common area the Box Hill Common Conservation and Management Plan (CHALKHILL environmental consultants 1998-2002) Box Parish Council has had that Management Plan reviewed by Project Officer for Magnificent Meadows from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in April 2017 and then again by Richard Cripps Garden and Estate Services Consultant in October 2018.

The Box Parish Council objective is protect the common area in a naturalised state for the benefit of the parishioners and visits to the area

EAR	ACTION	REASON/EXTRA INFORMATION	DATE OF ACTION OR NUMBER OF REPEAT OCCURRENCE WITHIN THE YEAR	COST
2019				
Top Common				
	Cutting of the grass on the top common	The designated area that is cut for games, picnics	Cutting starts mid-April and will cut fortnightly until the end of growing season.	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
	Control of Japanese Knotweed with the ultimate aim of eradicating the Japanese Knotweed on the Box Hill Common Upper area.	The eradication of this Invasive non-native plant	Stem Injection is carried out in the autumn	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
	Control Scrub/young trees/Wild Cherry	To prevent the spread	Thin out during the winter season every year.	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
	Copse Areas –also known as a coppice To control the size of the six designate area	A thicket, grove, or growth of small trees beneficial for small wild animals and birds.	The six designated area repeatedly cut back to prevent it spreading any further on a three year cycle during the winter season	Work carried by Box Parish Staff

	There are two designated area that wild flowers grow	Aim to maintain/enhance botanical richness	Area is cut before the start of the growing season and then at the end of the summer season to enable the seeds to fall.	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
Middle Common	There are two designated area where wild flowers grow	Aim to maintain/enhance botanical richness	Area is cut before the start of the growing season and then at the end of the summer season to enable the seeds to fall.	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
	Prevent the spread of Hemp Agrimony	Use repeated cutting to prevent it spreading any further	Repeatedly cut throughout the whole season to prevent it spreading any further	Work carried by Box Parish Staff
Lower common	There is one large designated area where wild flowers grow	Aim to maintain/enhance botanical richness	Area is cut before the start of the growing season and then at the end of the summer season to enable the seeds to fall.	Work carried by either Box Parish Staff or Cotswold Wardens
	The designated viewing area	To maintain the view- initially cleared by the Cotswold Wardens and completed by a Land clearance contractor.	Area to be keep clear during the winter season	On-going maintenance work carried by Box Parish Staff
	Cutting of the grass on the lower common	The designated area that is cut for games, picnics	Cutting starts mid-April and will cut fortnightly until the end of growing season.	Work carried by Box Parish Staff