# Commons Report for Parish Council Meeting – 16th September 2026

## 1. Volunteer Group Tasks

Volunteer tasks undertaken by Norfolk Conservation Corps (NCC), Norwich Environmental Weekenders (NEWS) and The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) unless otherwise stated.

| ***Date*** | ***Location*** | ***Volunteer Group*** | ***Task Completed*** |
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| ***Tasks Completed (since last report)*** | | | |
| *02/08/26* | *Alderford* | *NCC* | *Bracken clearance in tumulus area* |
| *3&4/09/26* | *Alderford* | *TCV* | *Cutting and mowing grassland* |
| *09/09/26* | *Alderford* | *TCV* | *Cutting and mowing grassland* |
| *13/09/26* | *Upgate* | *NEWS* | *Bracken removal under power lines* |
| ***Tasks Planned*** *(exact dates and tasks to be confirmed)* | | | |
| *20/09/26* | *Upgate* | *NCC* | *Bracken removal around ponds & on Deadman's Hill* |
| *10/26* | *Upgate* | *NCC* | *Scrub clearance* |
| *11/26* | *Alderford* | *NCC* | *Scrub clearance* |
| *11/26* | *Upgate* | *TCV* | *Scrub clearance* |

## 2. Management Plans

No change.

## 3. HLS Agreements

No change

## 4. Upgate Common

Need to discuss return of the ponies to Upgate with NWT.

The grassland at the site entrance was cut and collected by a contractor on 25/08/26. Cost £425.

Task undertaken by NEWS on 13/09/26 involved bracken removal under the power lines.

Next tasks to include bracken control and some pond maintenance and then scrub clearance.

Replacement bench still to be obtained and installed (agenda item).

Fly tipping of waste has occurred on a pit on the southern edge of the common (agenda item).

An off-road buggy went on to the common and overturned. Driver spoken to by some parishioners but need to increase signage to try to deter further incidents of unauthorised vehicles on the common.

## 5. Alderford Common

Task undertaken by NCC on 02/08/26 involved removing bracken and some birch from and around the tumulus.

TCV attended on 3 days in September to mow and rake the grassland within the fenced area. Expected cost £1,050.

The next tasks will include further bracken control and scrub clearance.

Replacement bench still to be obtained and installed (agenda item).

Removal of dead Ash tree (agenda item).

**Steve Williams – September 2026**
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