

Oughtonhead Common

Action Plan

Annual Management

Action	When	Frequency	Responsibility	Funding	Est. Cost	Status
Path clearance across site	Winter	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Mow Riverside Path	Summer	Biannual	RoW	HCC	£500	
Mow Westmill Lane	Summer	Biannual	RoW	HCC	CMS/Vol time	
Mow paths around grazing area	Summer	Every 6 weeks in summer	Grazier	NHDC		
Strim all other paths across site	Summer	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	JO'C	
Inspect all path	Summer	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Maintain all paths	Summer	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Litter picking across whole site	All year	Ad hoc	O'Conner's, FoOHC	NHDC	Within JO'C contract	
Litter bin emptying of bins adjacent to site	All year	Weekly	O'Conner's	NHDC	Within JO'C contract/Vol time	
Fly tipping/ abandoned vehicles	As required	As required	NHDC	NHDC	Unknown	
Hedge cutting either side of Westmill Lane	Winter	One side in alternating years	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Azolla control in river	Summer	As required	CMS	NHDC	£400	

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Himalayan Balsam in / adj to river	July	Annual / as required	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Ragwort removal in grazing compartments	July	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Thistle control in grazing compartments	July	Annual	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Ditch maintenance across site	Winter	As required	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
River clearance – litter and fallen trees (see guidance on large woody debris)	As required	As required	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Habitat protection with wattle hurdles, various locations	Winter	As required	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Scrub clearance across grassland	Winter	On going	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Guided walks / events	As appropriate	On-going	CMS/ FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Support of Friends group including training	No constraints	As necessary	CMS/ FoOHC/ NHDC	NHDC	NHDC/CMS/Vol time	
Review annual programme		Annual	CMS/ FoOHC/ NHDC	NHDC	NHDC/CMS/Vol time	

Proposals 2017 – 2022

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Azolla control in river	Summer	As required	CMS	NHDC	£400 each time	
Coppicing south bank of river between the mill and Bedford Road. Select-fell occasional trees to allow more light to the path and river.	Winter	7 year cycle	FoOHC / Contractor	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Select-fell occasional trees along river between the mill and Bedford Road, to allow more light to reach river.	Winter	On-off	NHDC / Contractor	NHDC	£3,000	
Open up ditch between sedge bed pool and overflow channel by select felling trees and clearing scrub, to let light in to channel and provide habitat for species such as water vole	Winter	Over 3 years	FoOHC / Contractor	NHDC	£1,000	
Coppicing willow between reed bed and river	Winter	1/5 th a year	FoOHC / Contractor	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Flow change measures (deflectors and build-outs) between the mill and Bedford Road	Spring	A section each year	FoOHC	NHDC	CMS/Vol time	
Arrange for inspection by HCC flood team of in-river structures at end of 5-year consent.	July 2019	On-off	CMS / NHDC	NHDC	Nil	
Apply for consent for additional in-channel structures if required, once current 5-year plan complete.	July 2019	On-off	CMS / NHDC	NHDC	£50	
Top-dress entire riverside path and other surfaced paths, repairing hollows as necessary	Summer/Autumn	On-off	NHDC / CMS	NHDC	£15,000	

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Install culvert under path between ditch and overflow channel to take water away from path. Desilt boundary ditch	Autumn	On-off	NHDC / CMS	NHDC	£2,000	
Plant native hedge along boundary with recreation ground	Winter	On-off	FoOHC	NHDC	£300	
Review and upgrade signage and interpretation across site	No constraints	On-off	NHDC / CMS	NHDC	TBC	
Initiate controlled burning of brash. Remove ash from site	Winter	Annual as required	FoOHC / contractor	NHDC		