



NEW FENCING 2016

Welcome to the spring 2016 issue of the Friends of Ham Hill (FoHH) newsletter.

The year has got off to a damp start with the weather but we have managed to start clearing areas up. We have cleared and burnt the gorse at the top of Butchers Hill and trees and brambles in front of the Prince of Wales Public House. On a very wet Wednesday we picked up 36 bags of rubbish in the car parks and along the road and hedgerows of Ham Hill Road.

We have also renewed the fencing around the quarry between the Prince of Wales Public House and the BBQ area. Also we have cleared ground below the quarry face and as can be seen from the picture it now looks outstanding.



Trees which were overhanging the road at Norton Hollow have been cut back and shredded without too much disruption to traffic.

Sheep Attacks

Sheep attacks have been a large problem again this year with FIVE sheep have been killed by dogs. Please keep your dogs on a lead in all areas where sheep are grazing, there are notices on all the gates where there are sheep present. To all you dog owners who think that there dogs would not attack sheep please go online to Sheepwatch UK (www.terena.co.uk) and view the very graphic facts

WITCOMBE VALLEY

The Friends of Ham Hill in partnership with South Somerset District Council are starting two exciting projects the first being the Witcombe Valley. The FOHH and SSDC have after extremely hard work; have received a grant of £19,800 from the Heritage Lottery

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Fund. The Rangers and the volunteers have started pollarding some of the tree by the stream to be ready for when the excavation begins throughout the year on the stream and the new ponds.

If you are interested in helping out with this project please call us on 01935 823617.

Our rangers and the Friends of Ham Hill had an open afternoon explaining this brilliant project including the benefits to the Wildlife including running events for local schools



Paul pollarding by the Prince of Wales Public House.