



Wolvercote Commoners'

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A time for action



Those on Facebook may have seen the recently posted item by Julian Cooper (OCC Landscape and Countryside Supervisor), who is responsible for the welfare of Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common. However, we felt it was such an important subject it needed a larger audience.

He wrote:

"Two years ago a young horse bled to death on the Meadow as a result of broken glass. I have rangers on the Meadow daily collecting broken glass. We've put signs up saying animals die as a result of broken glass and yet this bottle was just chucked in the pound, an area which can have the highest density of young animals. Horses with foals and cattle all injured not, by accident, but xxxx stupidity. Oxford friends please share."

The Council has been trying hard to manage this issue but increased patrolling of the Commons obviously puts a drain on their already stretched funds. They have tried signage which seems to have little effect and was even felt to be obtrusive by some; recently an information sign only lasted a few days before someone defaced it.

So pass on this message to your friends and anyone who enjoys the Commons. Perhaps we should all make a new resolution (don't wait until the New Year) to always have a carrier bag on hand and remove any glass (or litter) that might be seen when walking the Commons.



**Recently
vandalised
Council sign**

Fracking in our area?

In the August newsletter we reported that the government is pursuing two proposals that could effectively bulldoze fracking through the planning system, by using the planning tools that were intended for approving low-impact developments such as conservatories. This could risk the industrialisation of our countryside **and** could hugely reduce your right to have a say on proposals for drilling in your area. The proposals are being consulted on currently so now is the time to take action.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is mounting a campaign to raise this issue and to try and stop these proposals going ahead. If you would like more information, or would like to contribute to the campaign see: <https://donate.cpre.org.uk/page/292321-11>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Neighbourhood Forum AGM

Wednesday 10th October 7.30pm
Wolvercote Village Hall

Commoners' Open Talks

This season kicks off on **Tuesday October 23rd** in the Garden Room, Wolvercote White Hart at 7.30pm.

Stained Glass – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
by Phillip Dove

The talk will cover stained glass through the ages, the making of glass and how the trend continues to present day.

WCC Half Yearly Meeting

Thursday 1st November 7.30pm
Wolvercote Baptist Church Hall

If you would like this Newsletter emailed to you please email medesign@ntlworld.com

Don't forget Village Work Mornings second Saturday of every month

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am (bring gloves, wellies and any gardening tools you have). Children welcome

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