

LOSELEY PARK – AUTUMN UPDATE

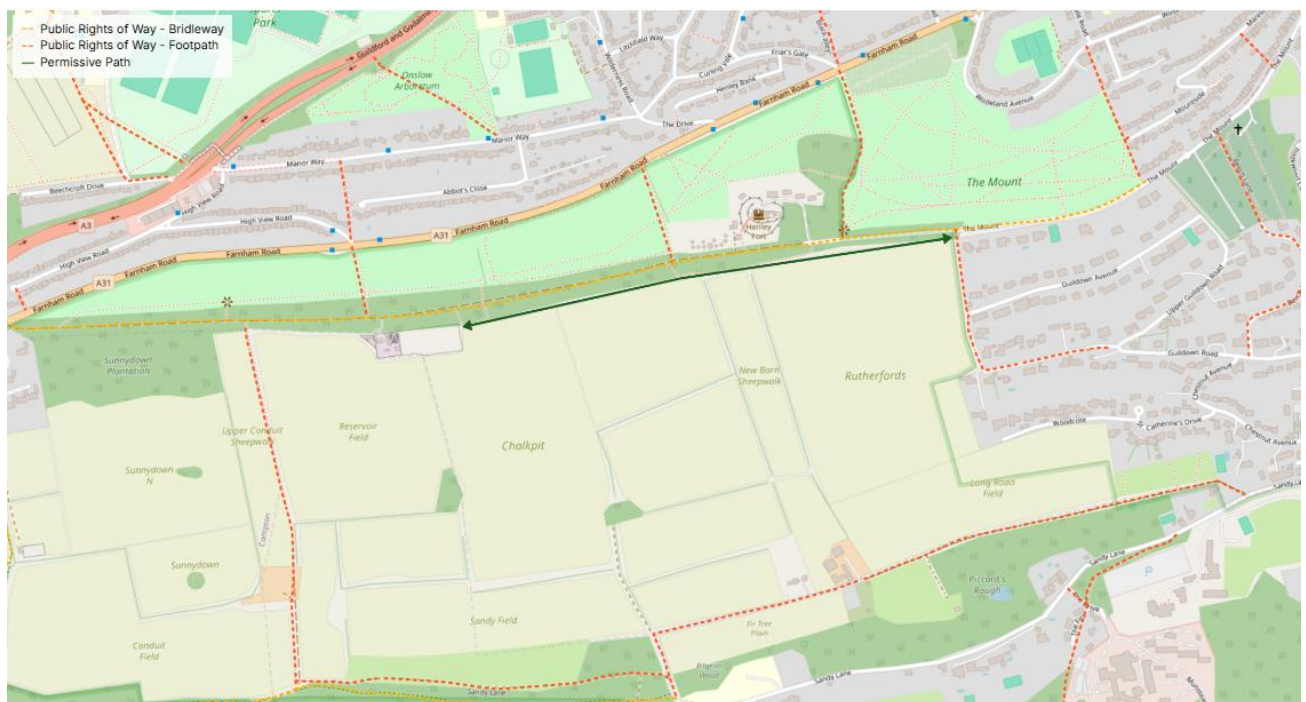
As we move into autumn and shorter days, I wanted to share a short update on estate activity over the past few months. The change in season brings a different rhythm to land and countryside management, and I hope this summary is of interest to residents and neighbours.

Seasonal Land Management

The estate team has been focused on late-summer and early-autumn stewardship tasks, preparing the landscape for the colder months ahead. Grazing rotations continue, with the English Longhorn cattle now moving into their autumn pasture blocks. The dry spell was challenging, but recent rainfall has refreshed the grassland.

Sandy Field, Conduit, Farleys, Road Field, Lodge Field and Claypits will be benefitting from hedge-laying, coppicing, scrub clearance and the installation of dead hedging. Much of our work remains centred on long-overdue maintenance and compliance tasks, and we appreciate the community's patience as we steadily bring various areas back into good order.

Chalkpit and Rutherford's permissive path: Some residents have objected to the new agreement (approved by the residents steering committee) and have applied to Surrey County Council to have a route recorded as a public right of way. This legal process is likely to take several years, in such circumstances, the permissive path would be closed until the matter is resolved.



However, the estate has chosen, as an act of goodwill, to keep the agreed permissive route open as the vast majority of local residents are happy with this compromise. Any departure from the agreed line will leave the estate with no option but to close the permissive path for the duration of the hearing, as previously advised.

As a reminder, the path will close annually on the first Monday in February (next closure: 01.02.27). SGN have yet to confirm when their maintenance team will return to complete repairs and as such there is no update on the fencing.

Woodland Management

Professional tree surveys have continued through the summer, and autumn is now the main season for essential works. Where a tree poses a risk to path users, neighbouring land or estate operations, we must intervene, whether through pruning, making safe, or, where necessary, removal.

Events

We have enjoyed a busy summer of events, from craft fairs to open-air entertainment, and organisers are grateful to everyone who visited. Planning is already underway for next year's calendar, with updates shared via the website: www.loseleypark.co.uk



Live at Loseley



Space Safari Drone Show

Loseley House and Gardens are now closed for the season and will reopen in May. Thanks go to Burny, our Head Gardener, and his team for keeping the gardens immaculate throughout the dry period. For those who have not yet explored the walled gardens, I thoroughly recommend a visit next year.

Environmental Stewardship



The harvest fields were surrounded by Sunflowers and purple Phacelia to assist with pollination. Numerous people have enquired if we will repeat this next season as they were admired by so many.

Our commitment to sustainable land management continues. The estate's long-standing approach of farming with limited pesticides or chemical sprays remains central to how we care for the land. This slower, more considered method supports soil health, encourages beneficial insects and helps maintain the natural balance of the landscape as we move into winter.



Our tenant farmer continues to limit the use of sprays to the minimum required for produce to meet distribution standards, including those associated with Wildfarmed's regenerative supply chain. www.wildfarmed.com/pages/grocery . They hosted a summer evening tour for 70 visitors, transported in three tractor and trailer groups, explaining their approach to regenerative farming and how they meet Wildfarmed's high standards, followed by drinks and a BBQ.



Jim demonstrates the estate's acoustic-monitoring system, which tracks the diversity and behaviour of visiting bird species through their natural calls. Small, solar panelled unobtrusive sensors positioned across key habitat areas automatically detect and identify vocalisations, creating a continuous record of avian activity. The environmental

agencies analyse the species presence, abundance trends, and habitat use which in turn supports regional biodiversity monitoring, long-term conservation planning, and compliance with ecological reporting standards. This system provides a reliable, non-intrusive method of understanding how bird populations interact with the estate's landscape and how management practices contribute to wider environmental health.

FarMM Shop and café

In addition to the FarMM shop adjacent to the Walled Garden at Loseley, a second FarMM outlet has recently opened at Pew Corner, Artington. It achieved the maximum 5-star rating in its food hygiene inspection. Both shops offer excellent fresh organic vegetable produce from the estate, alongside carefully selected high-quality items sourced externally.



Pew Corner

Many of you will be aware that a fire severely damaged the barn at Mellersh. The building has now been fully restored and will be opening soon. It will provide a wider range of fresh produce, hot and cold restaurant food (eat-in or takeaway), snacks, a variety of drinks, and other familiar items already enjoyed by visitors to the existing FarMM shops.

Looking Ahead

As ever, we are grateful for the continued support of the local community. Autumn and winter are seasons of preparation, and much of what we do now sets the foundation for the year ahead.