

BORDEN NATURE RESERVE REPORT AUGUST 2022



The Management Plan is being finalised with all the Environmental Compliance Officer at KCC's amendments and can then go on to the Council's website.

There have been some unsavoury occurrences at the Nature Reserve which many of the volunteers have had to deal with.

On Saturday evening the police were called to a 'party' and fire that was at the front of a badger sett. The police responded and I am pleased to say that it was dealt with extremely well. A member of the Nature Reserve group was on site and reported to the Police, the Police made the individuals clear up all their mess, she was not aware of any arrests. Sadly, the badgers were too frightened to come out that night so had no water or food. Viv will continue to monitor this. We hope that the presence of the Police will deter these people coming back.

There was a very unfortunate finding in the area where the tent was. Another 'camp' had been made, this time using curtains! There were used condoms, various rubbish, but also a child's shoe and girls knickers, the Clerk has informed the PCSO who has done an intelligence report on this and checked to see if there were any reports of sexual assault in the area on that date, but there were none. Two days later a pair of knickers were found again. This has been passed to the PCSO.

The Clerk has found online some information regarding helper's risk assessments. This will be handed to the FOBNR at their next meeting at the end of this month.

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