

## The Hoppit, Debenham Woodland & Waterways Steering Group Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2015

It has been a quiet year for the Steering Group with no major plantings completed or planned. Work continues repairing the footpath around the lake due to rabbit damage and a number of self seeded trees have been removed from the edge of the lake to keep the views open.

Ash die back continues to be a worry and we are following Suffolk Council guidelines in that trees need only be removed if they pose a risk to the general public and could fall over.

### **Commemorative Book**

The commemorative book to celebrate the first 10 years of the project was produced and put on sale at £3 per copy just before Christmas. Many copies have been sold and all profits from sales goes towards the cost of the upkeep of this area.. Many thanks to Steve Robbins and Howard Simpson for putting this together.

### **Mid Suffolk Summer Events**

An activity for children has been planned for Hoppit Wood for the summer:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/UploadsMSDC/Communities/Safe-Communities/Healthy-Communities/Countryside-Services/Events-booklet-2015-full-version.pdf>

### **Thursday 13th August**

#### **Hoppit's Story Walk**

Join Hoppit the Frog on a walk of discovery with activities, games and a story for the young explorer.  
Recommended ages - 7 and under 10:30am-12:00noon.  
Hoppit Wood and Lake, Debenham,  
Parking in car park off Aspall Road, IP14 6QE  
Cost £2.00 children (accompanying adults FREE)

### **Other things to mention:**

We welcome responsible dog owners who keep their dogs on leads and who clear up after their dogs.

Buzzards have been spotted flying over the wood. Kevin saw 6 together from his garden yesterday.

Earlier this year we had a visit from the Forestry Commission to see how we use their grants, a copy of this letter is attached and is a very welcome acknowledgement of all our efforts

We have a Work Party for 2 hours on a Sunday when required at most once a month, everyone is welcome to come and help – check for posters and Parish Magazine for next one.

We hold 4 committee meetings a year and if you are interested then please come along as they are open to everyone and if there is a vacancy why not put your name forward to join/help us?

Our next Committee Meeting is in Dove Cottage on Monday 3rd June 2015 at 7.30pm or contact any committee member or our Chair Gerry Baxter on 01728861111 for information