

Lambley Nature Reserve - 2023 Action Plan

	Winter		Summer
	Spring		Autumn

January	February	March	April
Obtain quotes for repair of the Nature Reserve perimeter fence and the reed pond fence	Selective thinning of trees/saplings - if required	Nature Reserve/reed pond fence repairs (remove sections of temporary fence as necessary prior to the repairs)	Enitial to carry out assessment of the water quality of the reed pond and a 'pond dip' for species
Maintain boundaries of 2022 seedbeds	Selective removal of reeds i) on the south side of the pond, west of the 'viewing point' and ii) in the area used as a 'watering' point by cattle on the west side of the pond	Check outlet from the reed pond is clear/remove vegetation etc as required	Reposition life buoy station, closer to the west fence line (after the fence repairs are completed)
	Cut back excessive areas of bramble growth e.g.along the south west/south reed pond fence line, adjacent to the bench (NW corner)	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seedbeds and monitor germination of the yellow rattle seed	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seedbeds and monitor germination of the wild flower seed beds
	Remove temporary fence around the spearmint, SE corner of the reed pond. Trim back any brambles.	Instal bat boxes (if required)	Monitor growth and survey of i) wild flower seed beds and ii) meadow area outside of seed beds
	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seedbeds and monitor germination of the yellow rattle seed		Placement of benches i) adjacent to south side viewing area and ii) west side of the footpath
	Investigate potential for installation of bat boxes		
		(NO TREE WORK OR HEDGE PRUNING)	(NO TREE WORK OR HEDGE PRUNING).
May	June	July	August
Review of Enitals water quality/pond dip report. Update the Action Plan as required	Replace the information board adjacent to the Park Lane kissing gate	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seed beds	Survey of the reed pond tree line to determine the extent of any thinning etc required during the winter
Maintain boundaries of 2022 seed beds and monitor germination of wild flower seed beds	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seed beds and monitor germination of wild flower seed beds	Monitor growth and survey of i) wild flower seed beds and ii) meadow area outside of seed beds	Maintain boundaries of 2022 seedbeds
Monitor growth and survey of i) wild flower seed beds and ii) meadow area outside of seed beds	Monitor growth and survey of i) wild flower seed beds and ii) meadow area outside of seed beds	Create pathways through the north, west and south meadow areas	Monitor growth and survey of i) wild flower seed beds and ii) meadow area outside of seed beds
Create pathways through the north, west and south meadow areas	Create pathways through the north, west and south meadow areas	Strim to create areas of varying height vegetation alongside paths/independent areas	Create pathways through the north, west and south meadow areas
Remove Himalayan balsam from the meadow (RHS recommendation to remove before flowering)	Strim to create areas of varying height vegetation alongside paths/independent areas	Check the security of the perimeter/reed pond fences, repair as required.	Strim to create areas of varying height vegetation alongside paths/independent areas
	Control areas of nettles and docks by selective/removal	Re-instate the temporary fence around the spearmint	Control areas of nettles and docks by selective removal
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September	October	November	December
Survey of i) the reed bed, ii) areas of brambles and trees/saplings to determine the need for any thinning out/trimming	Create new areas for meadow flower beds (rotavate, rake and broadcast)	Cutting of reeds (based on September survey)	Maintain the footpath through the Nature Reserve e.g. additional wood chippings
Remove the sheep from the meadow	Cut back excessive areas of bramble growth (based on the September survey)	Check outlet from the reed pond is clear/remove vegetation etc as required	
Select areas of long vegetation to remain over winter	Selective thinning of trees/saplings (based on the survey in September)	Maintain the footpath through the Nature Reserve e.g. additional wood chippings	
Meadow hay cut. Remove cuttings with 1 week of the cut (if possible)	Check the condition of the perimeter and reed pond fences, repairs to be completed prior to sheep/cattle on the meadow	Sheep/cattle on the meadow (til Feb.2024) -TBC	
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TREE / HEDGE WORK CAN RESUME.			