



# ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

*Seeking to acquire land in the Upper Ore Valley to save and enhance urban woodland and green space for community use and to protect animal habitat*



## NEWSLETTER – April 2013

If you did not receive this newsletter by email but have an email address, please let us have it so we can save money and time on future mailings.



The AGM for 2013 is on **Saturday 18 May at the Salvation Army Hall, Old London Road, Ore and will start at 2.00pm.**

This is a public meeting and all local residents, supporters and others are welcome to attend to hear about our work and our plans for 2013.

This is an important AGM for the Trust as we will be asking members to agree to a new constitution, which will allow us to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This will give Ore Community Land Trust the necessary legal status to take on the ownership of land in Speckled Wood and we hope to be in a position to start acquiring areas of land at the end of the year.

We need new Committee Members as several current members are retiring and there will be at least 4 places available. Please consider if you would like to join the Committee and help us to run the Trust. In particular we need a new Treasurer as Pam, who has been looking after the Trust accounts since we were formed in 2009, is leaving the Committee.

We also plan to invite a speaker from the local history group to give a short talk on the History of Ore after the formal meeting.

### Membership Renewal

Membership subscriptions are due in April. The annual subscription rates have not changed:

- £5 for individuals (working),
- £2 for unwaged, retired and students
- £1 for under 16s and
- £20 for organisations.

Please renew your membership and encourage your friends and neighbours to join too.

There is a membership renewal form at the end of this Newsletter.

### Volunteer Working Parties for Speckled Wood

Now that the worst of what has been a very long winter seems to be over, we will be restarting these sessions. We would be grateful for any help to clear footpaths and the stream, bag up rubbish and carry out some woodland management work.

The regular sessions are held on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. We meet on the Green next to the Salvation Army Hall.

If you would like to help on a Wednesday or if you have time on another day, please give Derek a call (tel: 432292)

### Ore Village Fair 2013

This will be the 5th Ore Village Fair and will be held once again at the **Ore Centre on Saturday 11 May from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.**

Ore Valley Forum agreed to provide the funding once again. We will have a range of activities and entertainments including: tombola; plants, cakes & bric-a-brac stalls; a small craft fair; various displays; the always popular crockery smash, singers and musicians, dance groups, children's entertainment including a bouncy castle, a BBQ and the Ore Centre Cafe.

We will also be organising guided tours of Speckled Wood and one of the new Ore Trails to North Seat (see overleaf) . There is more information on our Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/OreVillageFair>



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### Hastings Local Plan: Green Space Protection for Speckled Wood

The final consultation for the Development Management Plan, which includes the proposal to designate a large part (but not all) of Speckled Wood as urban green space, ends on 15 April. Thank you to all of you who responded to our call and submitted a consultation form or who attended one of the Council drop in sessions.

We have heard that the Public Enquiry into the Local Plan, the last stage in the process, has been delayed and is not now expected until the end of the year. We will be organising some presentations to the Enquiry and will keep you informed of when and where it will take place.

It will be a public event and we hope some Trust members and supporters will come along to show support for our campaign.



### Clifton Road/Church Street Development

This is a small area of land on the right hand side of the track called Church Street and leading off the lower end of Clifton Road, which is now owned by the Government Homes & Communities Agency. It was recently marketed for a self-build scheme of 10 houses. We put forward an alternative proposal for a children's play area with some landscaping, in line with our opposition to any development within Speckled Wood. Our scheme was not considered and we don't yet know if any self-build projects have been. This land is in the draft Local Plan as a site for a small housing development.

### Ore Walking Trails Project

This is a new joint initiative between Ore in Bloom, Ore Community Land Trust, Hastings Academy and local Ramblers. It has been funded with a Health Improvement grant to encourage local people to become more active and stay healthier. Three marked walking routes of different lengths will start from the Ore Centre and run up to North Seat and into the Country Park. We aim to produce leaflets with route maps and information about view points and historical detail and to organise guided walks for local people including children in collaboration with local schools.

### Damage to Ore Community Land Trust - Notice Board

We are very disappointed to report that our new notice board has been targeted by a vandal who squeezed superglue into the locks. This may be difficult to repair. In addition a poster from Friends of Speckled Wood was stuck over the perspex and although we have removed it, the parcel tape used has not all come off. The police have been informed about the criminal damage to the locks.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & APPLICATION FORM (April 2013)

SURNAME: ..... FIRST NAME(S): .....

ORGANISATION (if applicable): .....

ADDRESS: .....

POSTCODE: ..... TEL. NO: ..... E MAIL: .....

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

AGE (if under 16 yrs): ..... Please ask a parent/guardian to fill in the details and sign below

Name: ..... Address: .....

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