



ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST BULLETIN October 2013



Volunteer Team Woodland Work



The Ore Community Land Trust woodland work team - Derek and Alan, with help from volunteers, have been kept busy during the spring and summer months clearing footpaths and the land below the Green, erecting new footpath signs, constructing more steps and repairing the bridge over the stream. They cleared the cross valley footpath from Clifton Road to School Road and installed a footpath sign at the bottom of School Road (photo above left) to add to the signs we have placed at the other entrances to Speckled Wood

Clifton Road/Church Street Site Clearance Stopped



Combined action initiated by Ore CLT with help from Friends of Speckled Wood stopped the clearance work and saved the trees that were to be cut down on the instructions of Hastings Borough Council. We were alerted by a member in the morning and contacted the Council officer, a ward councillor and the contractors. Friends of Speckled Wood also got involved and the contractors were ordered to stop work. A proper site survey of wildlife had not been undertaken and we have been told the trees will not now be cut down.

Victoria Avenue - Site Planning Application

This site is to be marketed for a small co-operative housing development. Ore CLT opposed this plan

A new planning application has been made for the area at the top of Speckled Wood. This is for 34 houses. A previous application for 51 homes - mostly flats was very vigorously opposed by Ore CLT in 2006 as was the extension of time application in 2010 but in both cases permission was eventually granted. We have organised mass objections and two petitions to oppose this new application and will be organising a lobby of planning committee when it is set.