



# ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Saving and enhancing green space in the Ore Valley

## NEWSLETTER - July 2018

### Ore CLT Land in Speckled Wood

Two plots of Council owned land next to Church Street were transferred to Ore CLT at the end of 2017. This is the first stage in our plan to acquire all of the land in Speckled Wood to ensure that it can never be developed for housing and will always be available for community use.

We are grateful for the help from the local Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to cut down much of the dense undergrowth and Ore CLT volunteers have cleared away the sizable amount of rubbish that had been dumped on the land over the years.

However, there is still more work to be done to clear, level and replant the section next to Church Street. We plan to acquire a small storage container to keep tools and equipment for volunteer woodland work but we need more volunteer help - see *below*



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- before  
clearance



left  
- after

### Volunteers Needed to Help with Footpath Clearance & Woodland Work

Over the last 10 years volunteer teams have spent many hours clearing old footpaths and the stream and removing rubbish from Speckled Wood. New paths were created and steps constructing up the valley sides to provide a network of paths that are now well used. When we started the woodland valley was almost impenetrable. Now it provides an attractive and quiet urban green space for local residents.

Sadly, many of the volunteers who did so much to make Speckled Wood accessible in the early years are no longer able to undertake this sort of physical work or have moved away. We no longer have enough help to keep up with the footpath clearance work and complete the improvement of the land we have acquired.

***If you would like to help with woodland work either as a regular volunteer or at a planned working party session please contact us.***



### Residents Survey about Speckled Wood

We have been awarded a Building Stronger Communities grant, funded by East Sussex County Council, to pay for a 'door to door' survey of residents who live around Speckled Wood. This is now well underway.

The objective is to find out if they use the woodland valley and footpaths and to explain our plans for acquiring and enhancing the woodland and developing community projects such as the Village Green and Greenway route. We are keen to find out if our aims and plans are supported and to get a better picture of how local residents would like to get the best use from Speckled Wood. We also hope to find some volunteers who are willing to contribute a little of their time to help us. When the Survey is completed a report will be produced to show the results and help to inform our future plans.

Find the survey form on - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S7WZZ6Z>

## Ore Community Land Trust ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is open to anyone interested in our work and is the event at which we report on the achievements of the last year (to March 2018) and our plans for the year ahead and for the future. Ore CLT members elect Trustees to fill any vacancies and approve the annual report and accounts.



Please put the date in your diary and join us on:

**Saturday 29 September - 10.30am to 12.30**

**at the Salvation Army Hall, Old London Road, Ore**

We have invited a speaker from the Big Local NE Hastings to talk about their funding program and a speaker from the Trust for Conservation Volunteers to talk about woodland management. We will have up to 4 vacancies for trustees to sit on the Ore CLT Board. If you are interested in taking on this role we will be very pleased to explain what is involved.

## Big Local NE Hastings - Funding for Ore CLT Projects

We are very grateful to the Big Local NE Hastings for supporting our work and providing several of our projects with grant funding.

- **Ore Village Green** Design Work - £1,000 grant(2014)
- **Speckled Wood Greenway** -survey, design and costing and **Ore Valley Greenway Public Consolation** - £10,000 grant(2016)
- **Speckled Wood Base and Volunteer Development** - £5,200 grant (2017/18)



Ore Village  
Green  
Design  
- left

Volunteer  
Base  
- right

(not yet installed)



## Ore CLT Membership Subscriptions for 2018

If you want to join Ore CLT or renew your membership for the current year, there is a new members form on our web site or we can send you a copy (or a renewal form) if you e mail us

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