

**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 77
OCTOBER 1999**



Hi Everyone,

Gösta tells me we have already had 80mm of rain this month! Certainly everything is looking fresh and green and the weeds are showing up everywhere.

We only had 5 members at our last working day, the lowest number for a long time, but we managed to clear a lot of woody weeds and herbaceous weeds and Pauline charted the vegetation at one of the "better bits".

Since then we have received two enquiries about the Group and Chapman Primary School are showing a renewed interest in us, so things are looking brighter.

This month includes Weedbuster Week from 10th to 17th. There are several events happening; the main one is at Campbell Park on the 10th at 1.30pm, phone me for details. Our own effort involves a small change of plans, we will concentrate on the Little Reservoir area where there are literally thousands of Scotch Thistles appearing. I have done about 2000 and made very little inroad! Come any time between 10am and 4pm. Enter at Guinness Place and follow the path up the hill in front of you towards the reservoir.

We had a very interesting meeting with CNP staff on 14th September. Pauline and I have seen the manager since then and I will be going again after the AGM.

We gave the wrong dates for the Art & Craft Sale last month, the correct ones are Friday 22nd Oct and Saturday 23rd October. A flyer is attached, put it on your fridge or give it to a friend. Jane will be bringing her plants again, any member wishing to sell appropriate things we will be taking 20% for Group funds.

Last, but by no means least, is our AGM on the 28th October. All offices are declared vacant at that meeting, we hope you will come along, we really need your input on what you would like the Group to do over the next 12 months.

Caretakers please look over your areas before the end of November, report forms will be sent out next month. Please remember I need your hours at the end of the month, and an idea of what you did.

Statistics for September :-

Hours	On Ridge	361.30	(84 of these were whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	101.45	
	Total	463.15	

Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug	383
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed	25640
Trees and shrubs planted	4
Herbaceous plants planted	32
Grasses planted	126 Plus scattered seeds

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 17th October

10th to 16th October

Friday/Saturday 22&23 October

Thursday 28th October

Monthly working meeting 10 -4 Guinness Place

Weedbuster Week

Art & Craft Sale 21 Ordell St Chapman

AGM at 21 Ordell St Chapman 7pm

Cheers

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