

90% of common's trees to be felled

28th April 2011

http://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/news/letters/8988728.90_of_common_s_trees_to_be_felled/

Is Mr Vincent aware that to effect this, 90 per cent (the county council's estimate, not mine) of the trees on the common are to be felled?

The perimeter has been fenced and water troughs plumbed in order to provide water for the cattle, along with a cattle grid, gates etc.

F PEXTON Quail Park Drive, Kidderminster

Trees being felled may be in Unit 6 – appear to be blocks in centre OR Unit 4, which also has a block.

CSM for lowland heath – dry <15%, wet <10% trees and scrub

Residents' fears over tree felling

3 March 2011

http://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/news/local/8885188.Residents_fears_over_tree_felling/

Photograph has Cliff Day, Joan Day and Alison Broome.

Cliff Day, of Willowdene, Stourport, said that even mature oak and silver birch trees were being felled in areas of the common. (lives right next to the commons on Willowdene, The Grove, Stourport DY13 (9NQ))

He is concerned that Worcestershire County Council is not being open about its plans and that much more felling is to be expected.

Residents concerned about the changes can attend a meeting at The Bay Horse Inn, Hartlebury Road, Stourport, today at 7.30pm

Hartlebury Common grazing plans given green light

11:50am Friday 25th September 2009

http://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/news/local/4649302.Hartlebury_Common_grazing_plans_given_green_light/

CONSERVATION campaigners claim a planning inspector's decision to allow fencing on Hartlebury Common as part of a scheme to introduce cattle will "blight" an "ancient area of open country".

Use common sense about common land

6 October 2009

http://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/archive/2009/10/06/Letters+%28wn_news_letters%29/4665012.Use_common_sense_about_common_land/

SIR – The permanent enclosure of Hartlebury common land is not the answer to its management.

This scheme will be a complete waste of money and achieve nothing for the management of the commonland. I suggest those who are in charge of this land's management use some common sense.

Katherine Jones,

Higher Level Stewardship funding from Natural England which was granted in February 2010!

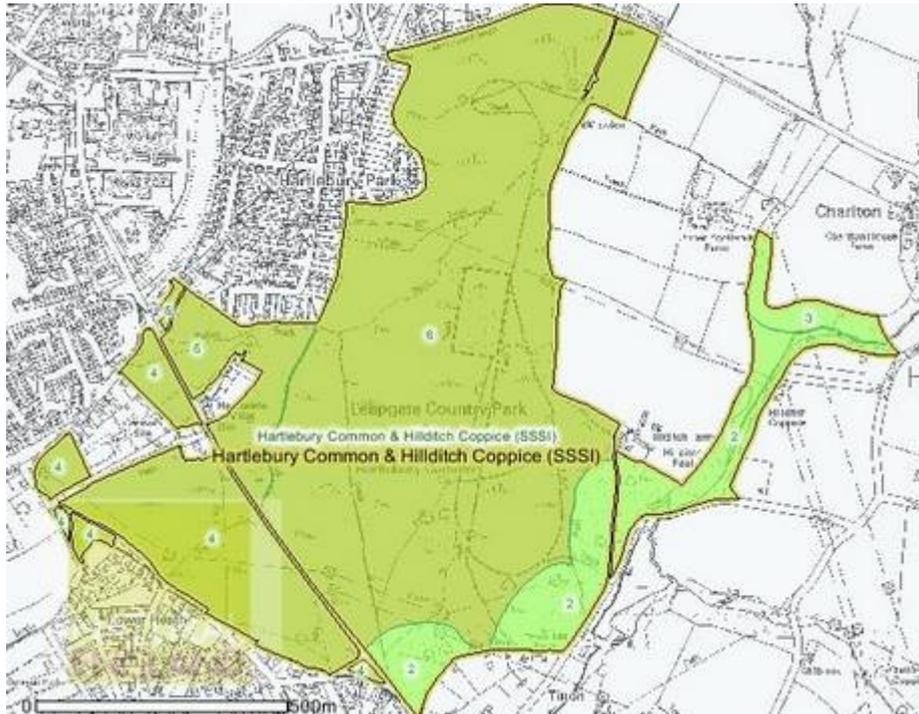
AG00306776	Worcestershire County Council	Worcester	Higher Level Stewardship	368,871.9	61,468.67	85.25ha
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Works out at 432 quid/ha/yr

Grazing contract start date 06/06/2011

? **We are initially looking for 25 rare breed cattle on site all year round. However may require as few as 19 or as many as 33 through the year.**

Hartlebury Common And Hillditch Coppice SSSI



SSSI Units

Units 4,5,6 Dwarf shrub heath - lowland

May 2007 unfavourable no change

4 - Site has less tree/scrub cover but still has a scattering of trees that need further work to remove. Erosion still an issue but some work to control it as been successful

Feb 2010 unfavourable recovering

At point of signing HLS – way before grazing and fencing!!!!

2,3 Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland – lowland

WILL BE GRAZING SUBSTANTIAL PARTS OF Unit 2

Some non-native species of tree present but generally a diverse woodland and an excellent wet alder carr wood area.



Approved fencing plan



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2010

I've been asked if I know anything about the fencing that's gone up around the Wychavon side of Hartlebury Common that doesn't appear (as yet) on the Wyre Forest side.

Hartlebury Common Phase 1 Stock Fencing

Value:
Reference Code:
Procedure: Tender (Open Procedure)
Contract Duration (Months): 3
Submission DeadLine: 24/05/2010 16:00
Contract Start Dates: 12/10/2010
Contact: [Martin Barnett](#)
Further Information: **Please note:** The email link is currently not working correctly. Please email all Questions and Answers to tombarnett2@worcestershire.gov.uk

Questions and Answers have been updated 19.05.2010

Questions and Answers have been added 17.05.2010

Hartlebury Common is a local authority owned area of Lowland Heath, notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), comprising of a mosaic of Lowland Heathland and scrub, small areas of wet bog and ponds with some secondary woodland. The Common has been assessed by Natural England to be in unfavourable condition and in need of restoration. Natural England's view is that a restoration scheme should be based on the introduction of grazing as the principle management tool to achieve sustainable favourable condition for the site.

To graze the Common, fencing and site furniture to ensure animal welfare are required. As the site is a registered Common permission for this work is required from the Secretary of State for the Environment through an application to the Planning Inspectorate which the Council has been granted.

With planning permission in place the Council made an application for Higher Level Stewardship funding from Natural England which was granted in February 2010. As special project within this agreement an

implementation plan was produced to guide the work agreed for the next ten years.

A sustainably managed, grazed Lowland Heathland that maintains and enhances the SSSI notified features in order to achieve and maintain favourable condition. Work will be guided by the Council's agreement with Natural England through the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. Through a phased approach a full infrastructure for grazing the site will be installed to support stock for the life time of the agreement with Natural England.

The Countryside Service is now seeking to find a suitable Service Provider to construct approximately 4500 metres of stock fencing with a number of gates on Hartlebury Common.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/etendering/TenderDetails.aspx?id=586>

Hartlebury Common Grazing Opportunity 2011-12
(2)

Value:

Reference Code:

CS- HLS - GP- 2011

Procedure:

Invitation to Quote/Tender
(Below EU Threshold)

Contract Duration (Months):

12 months

Submission DeadLine:

18/05/2011 16:00

Contract Start Dates:

06/06/2011

Contact:

[M Barnett](#)

Further Information:

**Worcestershire County
Council's Countryside
Service:**

- ? We have an opportunity for grazing Hartlebury Common.
- ? We are initially looking for 25 rare breed cattle on site all year round. However may require as few as 19 or as many as 33 through the

- year.
- ? The cattle should be a rare breed of small to medium weight and a certificate of provenance will be required.
 - ? The successful supplier will sign a 12 month grazing license.
 - ? The Common is an urban fringe site with 24 hour open access for the public.
 - ? The grazing area available is approximately 65 hectares.
 - ? The site has a stock proof fence line and gates and a water supply with three troughs.
 - ? This work forms part of a ten year heathland restoration programme of work part funded by Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship scheme.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/etendering/TenderDetails.aspx?id=729>