



WHITEGATE AND MARTON PARISH COUNCIL



PRESS RELEASE: *Parish Council Protect Community Woodland*

Whitegate & Marton Parish Council is pleased to announce that today it purchased the wooded areas of land (approx. 1.15 acres) surrounding the Beeches crossroads on Dalefords Lane.



This land was recently put up for sale by the Delamere Estate and the Parish Council felt it appropriate to purchase the land for the community's benefit. This woodland is protected with a blanket Tree Protection Order and provides a wonderful habitat for an array of bird and animal life. Furthermore, there are unofficial footpaths through the woods; which if lost, would mean residents, walkers and horse riders would have to navigate the busy road junction to walk around the woods. Our intention is to preserve these woods for parishioners, whilst maintaining the car park for use by Recreation Room visitors.

Over the next few months, we will be conducting tree reports to establish if any essential tree works are required to ensure the long-term protection of the woods.

Community Involvement

This purchase is very much about involving the community and we're seeking local volunteers to join a working party to bring the woods up to scratch and undertake ad-hoc maintenance. If you would like get involved and volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@whitegatemartonparish.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Whitegate & Marton Parish Council

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