

YATELEY COMMON SOUTH
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**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

MANAGEMENT REPORT -

November 2025

Winter CS Work on YC South:

4 hectares of scrub will be cleared this winter on the site by JDB Contractors using a tracked machine with a flail harvester front attachment. Dates TBC

We also have BBOWT charity volunteers coming onsite on Friday 5 December to cut around 250 scots pine trees that could be sold as Christmas trees in Crowthorne, Reading and Thatcham. This will contribute towards Heathland preservation efforts.

We may also do a similar session with our HIWWT volunteer groups as well in early December.

On Saturday 2nd August, I attended 'Secrets of the Common' event at Blackbushe Airport. This event was organised by the Thames Basin Heath Partnership and the purpose was to spread awareness of the history and wildlife of the commons in and around Yateley and how to use and enjoy these sites responsibly.

HCS kindly let me join their stand. Although the cafe and airport were very busy on the day, for some reason this did not translate to visitors to the stalls. It was a quiet day, but we did have a few positive interactions with people so that's better than none.

The MOD have warned us that sites across the Minley and Aldershot areas are likely to be more heavily used for troop exercise over the coming months due to various training areas across Hampshire being closed or repurposed for training new recruits. Please be aware if you are out walking on the South side and stay clear of any military activity.

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