

Mark Crisp RSPB – Farnham & Hazeley Heaths

Notes for YCMC meeting 5th November 2024

- RSPB and Thames Basin Heaths Partnership (Natural England) undertook 2 drop-in sessions out on the old runway, one on a Tuesday the other on a Saturday. All interactions were incredibly positive and everyone we spoke to seemed glad that the site was being seen to be managed and cared for.
- RSPB gave Yateley Society a guided walk around the old runway to discuss current and future management on the same Saturday as the drop-in session.
- We are currently hosting a volunteer work group on the old runway to help clear back a firebreak which runs alongside the residential area. Our sessions run from 10am - 3pm if anyone is interested in joining. We'll be on site every other Wednesday (23rd Oct, 6th Nov etc.) and meet in the car park by the control tower before driving or walking round. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided of course!
- A couple of leaning trees were taken down as there were concerns about safety. A large oak has had its crown shattered by the recent stormy weather and fallen across a path. We have cleared an alternative route and will be monitoring the tree for any changes.
- All in all, winter work seems to be going well. There's lots of fruit and berry trees which is providing a great food source for wintering thrushes such as redwing and fieldfare.