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YATELEY COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

COTTAGE FARM FIELDS

NOVEMBER 2026

Chris Gazzard, Managing Director. Report compiled Tuesday 3rd November 2026

I conducted a walkaround on 16th October 2026. Mowing has been completed to establish the paths as noted on the signage boards, but other paths have also formed through regular use.

Access points adjacent to the Cottage Farm buildings and from Stroud Pond have been sorted / levelled, making access easier for those on foot.



We had a patch of Japanese Knotweed reported to us. This has now been excavated and removed in full. Our contractors will continue to monitor the area over the coming months.



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We've had reports from several parties regarding use of the fields by off road bikes / quad bikes. This isn't unique to Cottage Farm, its widespread across the common. The standing guidance is to report to 999 as and when it happens. Whilst Police won't always attend as they prioritise calls, they do value the data, and this helps inform future policing initiatives. On the disused runways in 2025 due to the volume of reports, PC Ben Blundell was able to put together an exercise which resulted in the seizure of several offending vehicles.

As air traffic was light on my walkaround, I was able to put the drone up and captured some images as below:



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