

Cranborne Chase AONB

HLF-funded Landscape Partnership project bullet points on areas of shared interest

- Pour over and mark up maps to register ALL features and points of interest (from each member of your groups perspectives) – for which the stories, names and evidence ABSOLUTELY HAVE to be told or shared as part of the Landscape Partnership Scheme (whether online, on site interpretation, part of walks and rides, led walks or local arts and poetry projects). Might be worth each bringing a list along of the ones the feel strongly about.
- Agree how we might share the material found or develop it further (very specifically we'd like to develop the story of how the chase may have been managed, particularly some of the woodland, boundary and deer pale management - here's a picture of something Woodland Trust did – which is a nice twist on current woodland managers meeting ones from the past to share notes! We can link videos, footage etc such as the filming of stags being chased into a funnelled pale
- To agree priority places – where something significant can be seen on the ground. Where (subject to their sensitivity, access and potential impact of visitor) we should undoubtedly seek to try and get people to visit (e.g. historic gateways, veteran whitebeams, locations of settlements, defensive banks, funnelled entrances and toll points, pagan ritual sites, larch look out trees, Travelodges from the 13th Century etc)
- Your groups help taking a sensible interpretation (along with other experts we can connect with) on why certain things were there, when things changed, why etc
- Places needing protection, clearance and more positive management (e.g. Mistleberry camp, certain notable veteran trees on boundary etc) – for us to target with volunteer effort (for archaeological monitoring or conservation work, grants or nature conservation enhancements).
- Plan/agree the location and format of your **Shire Rack walk on the 6th June** - discuss how we can help promote and support the day – to encourage historians, societies and local groups in the local area to be aware of the opportunity, nudging those (particularly in Wiltshire) to attend, with a view to getting a few excited about cohabating stories and evidence from the Wiltshire side of the fence!
- **Were next** – what group might like any extra help looking at to delve further between Zig Zag hill and boundary south of Martin Down (Cranborne/Damerham road) that we might be able to include on circular walk/ride from Martin Down
- Whether the group would like to work with us on any events/projects to be delivered during the next 5 years (e.g. guided walks, community days etc) to share your work, knowledge and inspire (particularly local communities) in what's on their doorstep.

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