

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND  
ENGAGEMENT TEAM  
DORMOUSE VOLUNTEERING DAY**

Woodcote Farm, Fullers  
Farm Road, West Horsley

Wednesday 17th May, 2023

Event organised by  
The Surrey Hills Society

**"THE MOST  
WONDERFUL  
INFORMATIVE  
DAY SPENT IN THE  
STUNNING  
SURREY HILLS"**

**WHAT DID THE DAY  
CONSIST OF:**

- **SETTING UP SURVEY  
TUNNELS FOR THE  
ENDANGERED HAZEL  
DORMOUSE WITHIN  
HEDGEROWS**
- **LITTER PICKING AND  
WILD POND CREATION**



"It was a great volunteering event! There we worked with colleagues on problem solving and practical solutions to install dormice tunnels into hedgerows. We found out a lot about hedges, plant identification and conservation in a beautiful setting in the Surrey Hills. It was nice to do something non work based as it broke down barriers between teams and helped with getting to know colleagues better." Nikkie







## ABOUT THE DAY

### Activity:

Setting up survey tunnels for the endangered Hazel Dormouse within hedgerows. Dormice are suffering due to habitat loss, making populations genetically isolated and vulnerable. By carrying out footprint tunnel surveys, we can help to build up a better picture of dormouse presence which will help to target conservation action in the most relevant areas.

The survey lasts at least 3 months which lets us confidently say whether dormice are present in a survey area. Further information about the survey can be found [here](#).

## WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE?

### DORMICE TUNNELS



"With the CIE team from SCC we set out to install and set up 20 dormouse footprint tunnels, as part of the National Dormouse Footprint Tunnel Survey. This will help to survey for dormouse presence or absence in the West Horsley area." Christa SHS

### SECURING FOOTPRINT TUNNELS



"I am very appreciative of the fact that Surrey allows, and helps to facilitate it's employees to play a small part in the surveying and conservation of British wildlife and areas of outstanding natural beauty" Kai. Above you will see Kai securing a survey tunnel into the hedgerow.

### CARTRIDGE LITTER PICKING



After lunch the team started to restore an area of Shere Woodlands by removing cartridges left over from pheasant shooting. Michelle said "Although it was sad to see an area of litter in such a beautiful setting, it was so rewarding to be able to do our bit to clear a huge amount of cartridges. Thousands of them in fact! "



### CREATING WILD PONDS



"It was great to have the opportunity to dig in with the team and create several wild ponds - a 'boring' afternoon in the best possible sense!". Stuart

With special thanks to Christa, David and Gordon from the...

