

October 2024:

It has been pleasing to see pioneer (young) heather of both Ling and Bell varieties regenerating on parts of the Common, bringing bursts of purple-pink and providing the food source for ant species which in turn, feed the silver-studded blue butterfly.

Recently the contractor was on the Common to cut the bracken in an attempt to limit its invasive nature from taking over other vegetation types on the dry heath. The cutting prevents nutrients getting into the rhizome, weakens the plant, and eventually it dies back.

During the autumn there will be drainage work on the wet grassland along with the much delayed breeding wader foot ditches and coverts.

The brambles near the beach huts will be cut back and Cliff Field mown.

On the Common, there will be work to improve fire safety access, creating routeways into the south western area and also from Palmers Lane.



Silver-studded Blue Butterfly