

Commons Report for Parish Council Meeting – 18th March 2026

1. Volunteer Group Tasks

Volunteer tasks undertaken by Norfolk Conservation Corps (NCC), Norwich Environmental Weekenders (NEWS) and The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) unless otherwise stated.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Volunteer Group</u>	<u>Task Completed</u>
Tasks Completed (since last report)			
01/03/26	Upgate	NCC	Clearing up after electricity contractor work.
08/03/26	Upgate	NEWS	Scrub clearance
Tasks Planned (exact dates and tasks to be confirmed)			
22/03/26	Upgate	NCC	Scrub and fallen tree clearance
##/04/26	tbc	NCC	tbc
03/05/26	tbc	NCC	tbc
10/05/26	tbc	NEWS	tbc

2. Management Plans

No change.

3. HLS Agreements

2026 claim forms have been received which need to be returned by 15/05/26.

4. Upgate Common

No issues with the ponies.

A task by NCC on 01/03/26 was supposed to be scrub clearance but the contractors who had been doing clearance under the power lines had left most of the felled trees where they dropped (mostly around and into Hoss Pond) and so the task was spent cutting up and stacking this instead.

NEWS group attended site on 08/03/26 and completed scrub clearance on the transition between Deadman's Hill and the fen area.

A replacement bench for the deteriorating one adjacent to one of the ponds along the Beck has been ordered but it has yet to be delivered and installed.

A final scrub clearance task is planned for 22/03/26 on the edge of the fen area along with clearance of some fallen trees brought down by recent storms.

Future tasks over the spring and summer are likely to include maintenance and bracken control.

5. Alderford Common

A replacement bench for the one that has deteriorated within the fenced area has been ordered but it has yet to be delivered and installed.

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Steve Williams – March 2026

Swannington with Alderford and Little Witchingham Parish Council