



Blackheath Farms Ltd: Countryside Stewardship, Footpaths and Rights of Way across the Estate

The Blackheath Estate is taking part in a new environmental conservation scheme under Countryside Stewardship.

This Countryside Stewardship scheme is set to bring huge conservation benefits to resident and migratory wildlife right across the estate by focussing on new and existing habitats we have and further improving these through careful and well advised management.

There will be a network of wildflower and nectar rich grass margins and plots, significant new hedge planting and winter wild bird food plots.

Preparations for this new scheme have started to take place with margins and plots in fields having been drilled with seeds already and hedgerows have been coppiced where required, ready for over 11km of additional new hedges to be planted this winter. The results of this environmental investment will become apparent next spring and summer for the benefit of the wildlife and also, hopefully, for your own enjoyment as a resident adjacent to the estate.

With all this in mind, there is a large amount of permitted access over the estate on footpaths and it is more important than ever that these paths are please adhered to in order not to undo the conservation work we are putting in. We have planned many of the environmental areas to be away from regular disturbance so that the wildlife can flourish and any disturbance of these areas will negate many of the benefits that the scheme is set to deliver.