



## News From Ashdown Forest

Autumn is a lovely time to enjoy Ashdown Forest. As well as the changing colours and cobwebs glistening in the early morning dew, look out for the last bright blue flowers of the rare Marsh Gentians.

Autumn is also the time for fungi. The Forest is home to a vast number of species so don't forget your ID book! If you want to learn more about fungi on Ashdown Forest, we have two Fungi Identification Walks in October and November (see below for more details). Fungi have an important role in the Forest habitats – please refrain from picking them and leave them for others to enjoy.

While many other places around the country suffered devastating heath and grass fires during the hot dry weather, Ashdown Forest escaped unscathed. We would like to thank all our visitors for their care and vigilance.

The Ashdown Forest team are currently planning the winter works and heathland clearance for the next few months.

A new legacy bench has been installed at the AA Milne & EH Shephard Memorial. This bench is one of many that have been installed throughout England and Wales by the Truth Project. The benches are inscribed with uplifting messages of hope gathered from victims and survivors who have taken part in the Truth Project

### Upcoming Events:

Information about all our events can be found on our website [www.ashdownforest.org/events](http://www.ashdownforest.org/events)

- **6<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Fungi Identification Walk with Martin Allison
- **17<sup>th</sup> October** – Ashdown Forest Mini Explorers
- **23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Ashdown Forest Deer Experience with Tom Forward
- **30<sup>th</sup> October** – Make a Birch Broom

### Save the Date!

The Ashdown Forest Foundation will be holding a fundraising event on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Ashdown Park Hotel, featuring The Icon Strings Quartet playing Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

James Adler, CEO will be giving a series of talks at local towns and villages in November. The theme of the talks this year is carbon sequestration and climate change on the Forest.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Uckfield Civic Centre, Weald Hall

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Freshfield Hall, Forest Row

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Nutley Hall

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Crowborough Community Centre

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Fairwarp Village Hall

Details will be published on our website in the coming weeks

### Meat Boxes:

We will be selling hogget and beef boxes this autumn. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email [conservators@ashdownforest.org](mailto:conservators@ashdownforest.org)