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Rye Town Council

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Sent: 19 December 2007 14:50
Attach: Rother Woods Project Summary.pdf
Subject: Butterfly Conservation's Rother Woods Project

Dear Cllr Osborne,

I'd like to make you aware of a great new project in the Rother area (and adjacent to Rye town), and ask if you would be interested in getting involved or finding out more.

Butterfly Conservation in partnership with the Forestry Commission (and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders) is focusing on the 'Rother Woods' area as a focus for education, events, training and conservation of woodland management, flora and fauna. The project offers a wonderful opportunity for local people to have fun and get involved and I hope there will be some very long lasting benefits. The attached document provides more information.

I would be very happy to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved and I will be happy to come and speak with you in person to discuss how best we can work together. I would also like to discuss the opportunities for holding events within the parish and what facilities might be available. I really believe the project offers a wonderful opportunity and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regards,

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The Rother Woods Project is part of Butterfly Conservation's South East Woodland Project, and is supported amongst others by The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Tubney Charitable Trust, The Forestry Commission.

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Rother Woods Project



Butterfly Conservation

Saving butterflies, moths and their habitats

Butterfly Conservation's Rother Woods Project will help to preserve the region's unique woodland heritage, conserve its biodiversity and help people to enjoy and treasure this wonderful landscape and its wildlife.

Woodland butterflies and moths are among the most threatened groups of insects in the UK, and their decline has often been fastest in the South East. After hundreds of years of woodland management many woods are now being neglected or under-managed. To tackle this, Butterfly Conservation is launching its biggest conservation project so far.



The Pearl-bordered Fritillary was once common in Southeast woodlands. Its population and range is declining rapidly.

This exciting and ambitious project aims to reinvigorate long-term sustainable woodland management and halt the decline of some of our rarest species. It will use butterflies and moths as indicators of successfully managed woodlands, rich in biodiversity.

The project will...

- Help to conserve and enhance the South East's woodland heritage and the wildlife it supports.
- Support the woodland economy and promote sustainable woodland management.
- Help people to increase their enjoyment and their knowledge of woodlands & wildlife.

Over the next few months I would like to make contact with local landowners, organisations, communities and interested and enthusiastic individuals who can help make this project a success. From Spring 2008 Butterfly Conservation will also be holding free training workshops, guided walks and other events for people to get involved and increase their enjoyment of this wonderful landscape. I would also like to get areas surveyed to find out how butterflies and moths are faring in the Rother Woods area.

- Woodland owners/managers in the Rother Woods area
- Volunteers and Community Groups willing to carry out practical conservation work in the Rother Woods area.
- People with wood burners or people interested in installing wood burners at home or work.
- Buyers or Sellers of timber or other woodland produce.
- People with specific skills, including woodland workers and crafts people.
- Existing Contractors and woodland workers.
- People of all ages and abilities who want to increase their enjoyment of woodlands & wildlife.

If you are one of these people or if you can help in any way please contact me...



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