

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Walmer Parish Council has always supported the work of its councillors and volunteers in their efforts to maintain the registered common it owns known as Hawkshill Freedown. Over the years it has commissioned reports from an expert to ensure councillors' and volunteers' efforts were directed in the best possible way by constant reference to updated reports. The reports consistently make the recommendation that the most precious area known as compartment 2, the woodland to the north of the car park on Liverpool Road be eventually returned to open, accessible land. All the reports are available on the Council's web-site for members of the public to read.

The Parish Council is now in a position to consider implementation of these recommendations in order to regenerate the area. Once the necessary permissions have been granted, the first step will be to coppice and pollard a large number of self-seeded ash, holly and sycamore trees. This will allow chalk loving plants to flourish. Paths will be laid and hedging will provide a nature barrier to the road. It is hoped that with proper management and the installation of some picnic benches and information boards this area will become a popular new amenity for Walmer.

The Council is keen to keep the public informed about the plans and to listen to any comments you might have. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to obtain a copy of the reports.

