

To Bucklebury Common Rights Holders.

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Dear Sir or Madam

Bucklebury Common Countryside Stewardship Application

Thank you for sending me your contact details in response to a letter I sent in May this year. I am sorry that it has taken a little time to get back to you, but I hope that you have been able to keep up to date with progress of our vision for the common at:

www.sundewecology.co.uk/bucklebury-common

To achieve our vision for the common, we need to apply for various funding grants to support the restoration work. One of these grants is 'Countryside Stewardship', a government scheme available to landowners who want to manage their land in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

Given that Bucklebury Common is a registered common, we need to re-establish the Commoners Association. DEFRA (the Government department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) guidance states that the association will need a Chair a Secretary, and a written constitution.

We propose to hold a meeting of Bucklebury Commoners Association at the **Victory Rooms at 8.15pm** on the **18 of January 2023** at which the constitution can be agreed.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please let me know by emailing:
alex@sundewecology.co.uk

If you would like to stand as one of the officers, please state which post and send me a brief (about 300 words) résumé that I can share with members of the Association to enable a vote that evening.

You can find out more about Commons Associations here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-common-land-and-shared-grazing-supplement/common-land-and-shared-grazing-supplement-to-the-countryside-stewardship-manual>

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Bucklebury Estate.