

PUTTENHAM BARN BUNKHOUSE - Spring 2023



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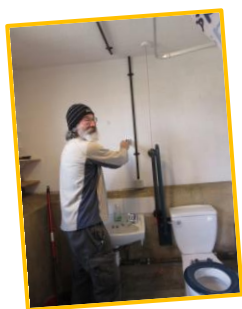
AMAZING additional work party held earlier in April, with bright sunshine keeping spirits high!

Volunteer Tish reports: 'We had a team that consisted of Simon H, James L and Ben C (his friends), Chris L, Adrian S, Dave Williams, Martin, Hazel and myself.'

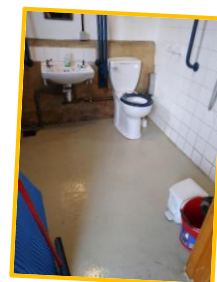


The office was thoroughly cleaned, with all furniture taken out. Then...

...underlay and carpeting was laid in the office by Simon, James and Ben and Tish finished the carpet off, taping down to make sure it was safe.



- The bathroom wall x1 and ceiling were painted by Chris L. We used bathroom specific emulsion only on these locations. Chris then scrubbed and pressure washed the bathroom floor, although this will need more work to get it really clean.
- Windows and bathroom were thoroughly cleaned by Martin.



Patio stones were laid outside the dormitory door by Simon, James and Ben. They are flat so that a lawn-mower can still go across them.

Further patio stones were cut and laid as steps up the grassy slope by Simon, James and Ben. Turf has been placed around the bottom step to avoid any trip hazards and allow bins/wheelchairs to come though, and there is space either side for bikes to go up.



Both new fingerposts were put up by Adrian and Dave W.

Various further tasks were also completed, including:

- The dormitory windows were open the whole day to air out the damp.
- Solar panels were washed by Chris L.
- The lawn was mowed by Martin.
- Hazel did a lot of upkeep and weeding work to our wildflower patches.
- Turf from the day's work was added to our turf seat.
- Tish brought in a newer green compost cone (free) to replace the old one.
- There is now an electricity monitoring sheet on the noticeboard, close to the smart meter.

All photos by Tish Piwowarek

Thank you to everyone who came and was involved!



Finally, news truly hot off the press... The application for our Green Tourism award has been successful and we have been awarded a bronze grading! This is a great starting point to recognise the work we have put in to make Puttenham Barn eco-friendly, and as a member of Green Tourism we will be given a lot of support to do even more. We look forward to receiving the plaque in the next month for placing on the barn.

Further details to follow in our next newsletter. In the meantime, I am sure all will join me in congratulating the Operations Committee for their hard work in completing the submission for this award, in particular Tish P who instigated the project and brought everything together. - Editor