

TASKS FROM MANAGEMENT PLAN

REF	Management plan ref	Location	Works proposed	Detail	Workforce (lead organisation in bold)
Habitat Management – Heathland					
1.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	A25 Glade	Fell trees (Winter)	Continue stewardship work to enlarge the A25 Glade. Pine trees to the west of the '1970's tree' to be removed. Clear birch trees in the wet flush area, ensure screen retained by zigzagging corridor as much as possible. Begin coppice regime in screen strip to increase density and effectiveness of screen begin on trees to western side and progress towards the sports field. Rotation length to be three to four years depending on growth. Timber to be sold as biofuel, brash to be chipped and removed from site to be composted and used as mulch	RBBC/RACV
2.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	A25 Glade	Ground scrape (Winter)	Employ excavator and driver to remove organic layer. Arisings to be taken from site to be recycled. Archaeological advice will be obtained before the work begins..	RBBC
3.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	Central ride	Widen ride (Esp. on tumuli) – (Late summer on)	The central ride along the 'tumuli ridge' has become increasingly narrow over the past few years and also the tumuli have scrubbed over, and there is a fear that tree roots may damage the sensitive archaeology there. The majority of the vegetation to be removed is bramble scrub but there are a few silver birch and small conifers that need to be removed. It is also proposed that in line with recommendations made within the Visual Assessment that was produced in 2009. Windows towards the windmill will be opened up. Following the work, as much organic material as possible will be removed to be recycled. (This is a continuation of the project that was begun last year).	RBBC/RACV
4.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	Between 4 th & 5 th fairways	Fell trees (Winter)	Thin pines by removing alien species such as Monterey Pine and crowded Scots Pine. Older specimens of oak trees to have nearby competition reduced (halo release) to ensure that their growth is not inhibited by unwanted competition. Rake ground where trees have been removed to enable heathland plants to grow. Reduce tree cover by 60% over three years.	RBBC/RACV/RHGC
5.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	6 th fairway	Fell trees (Winter)	Remove encroaching vegetation from woodland block between the car park and the 6 th fairway to promote opportunity for dwarf gorse to spread.	RACV/RBBC
6.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	Area west of Flanchford CP	Improve visibility into the Heath (Winter)	Bramble/Bracken control. Follow up work from work done last year.	RBBC
7.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	Area west of Flanchford CP	Coppice alder buckthorn trees	Coppice alder buckthorn trees between the car park and the 5 th fairway.	RBBC/RACV
8.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	A25 Glade	Treat broadleaved tree regrowth and regeneration. (Timing to be advised by spraying contractor)	All growth from trees that have been cut down in the past to be sprayed with herbicide. When completely dead growth to be cut and removed.	RBBC

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9.	1.1 Heathland Restoration	Behind 14 th tee	Fell 8 pines and 1 sliver birch	To continue clearance along ridge to encourage heather regeneration. Ground scrape and remove arisings and stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer)	RHGC
10.	1.2 Maintenance of restored areas		Roll/spray bracken (Late summer)	Bracken.	RBBC
11.	1.2 Maintenance of restored areas	Left of 5 th green	Gorse coppicing	Coppice old and dying gorse to allow space and light, encourage bird and insect access and natural regeneration to maintain varied age and height of gorse. (pending discussions with Ralph Hobbs)	RHGC
12.	1.2 Maintenance of restored areas	Left of 10 th tee	Gorse coppicing	Coppice old and dying gorse to allow space and light, encourage bird and insect access and natural regeneration to maintain varied age and height of gorse. (pending discussions with Ralph Hobbs)	RHGC
13.	1.3 Maintenance of existing heathland	Whole site	Weed control – tree and other weed seedlings	Remove tree seedlings as seen when on site.	All
14.	1.3 and 1.4	2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th carries	Cut heather	Cut back half to a height of 2-3" and create at least 3 bare patches as detailed in Policy IX (p49)	RHGC
Habitat Management – Acid/sports grassland					
15.	2.2 Grass Cutting	Sports field	Cricket and football pitches (Spring & summer)	Cricket outfield – Cut outfield at least fortnightly or before matches as appropriate. Cutting height to be no lower than 50mm and no higher than 75mm. Raised area that contains lichens to be avoided. Football pitch – area outside cricket outfield to be cut for hay at least two weeks before season starts. Grass to be maintained between 50 & 75mm till growing season ends. Spring cuts to be carried out until football season ends as above.	RBBC
16.	2.3 Other grassland operations	Sports field	Scarify area to north east of area done last year. (Winter)	Remove thatch from area shown on plan. Two or three passes with quadraplane and resulting arisings to be removed to be recycled. Lichen area to be avoided.	RBBC
17.	2.3 Other grassland operations	Fairways	Routine repair of divots and rabbit scrapes	As per Annex 4	RHGC
Habitat Management – Woodland and scrub					
18.	3.1 Woodland management	Woods next to 3 rd fairway	Begin cyclical halo release programme	Selectively remove trees that are crowding veteran trees. Phased approach to be adopted to reduce stress to veteran oak trees. Project to be done in conjunction with veteran tree mapping project.	RBBC
19.	3.1 Woodland management	Bank left of 10 th yellow tee	Fell 4 large silver birch and 3 pines (leave ash)	To improve sight lines for the tee shot to the 1 st green and encourage continuing heather regeneration along the bank. Ground scrape and remove arisings and stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer)	RHGC/RACV/RBBC

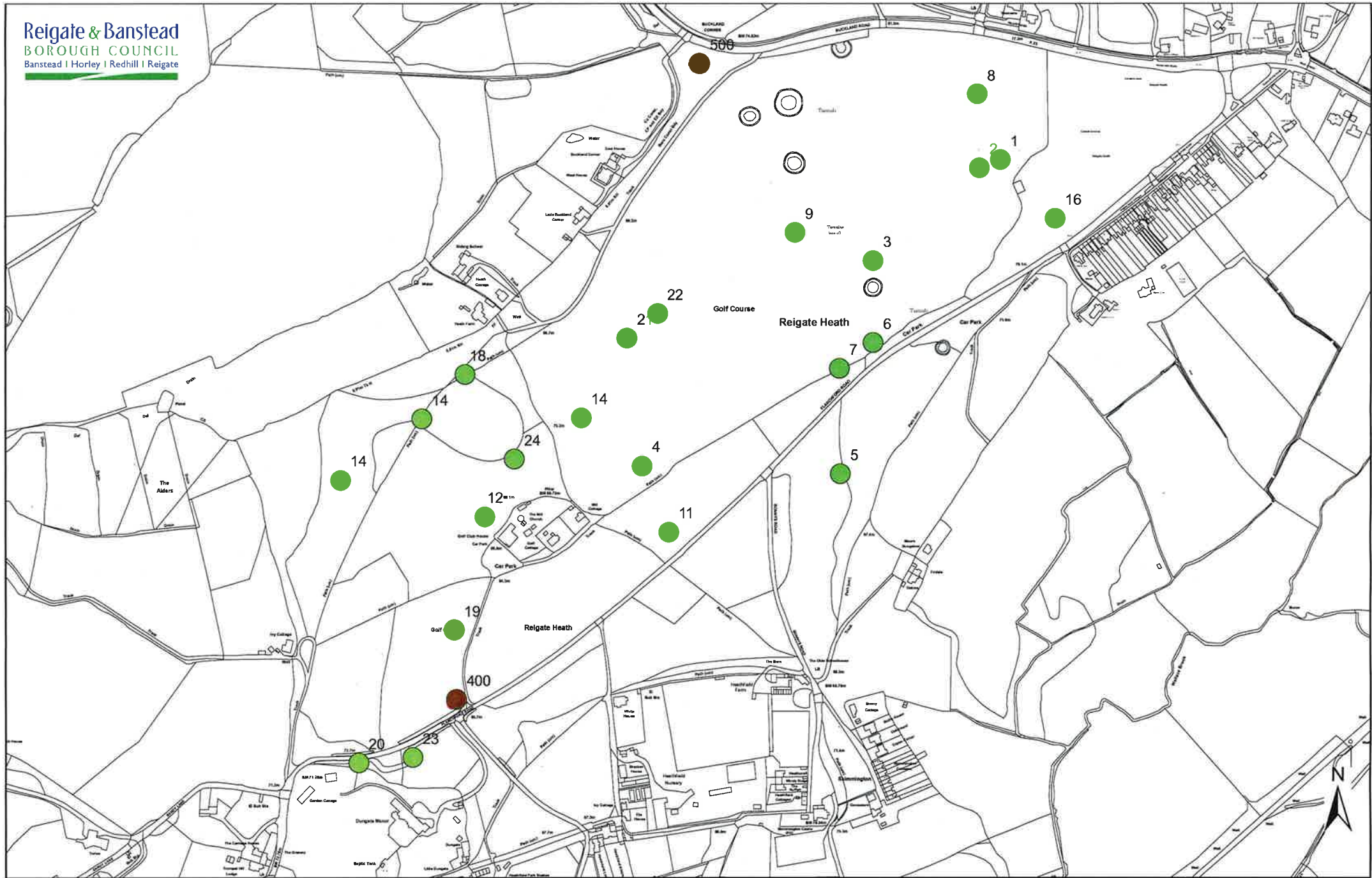
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20.	3.1 Woodland management	Bank across road from 1 st green (RBBC LAND)	Fell remaining sycamores along edge of Flanchford Rd (number tbc)	To complete the task from 2011 to allow light, warmth and circulation of air onto the 1 st green and reduce risk to drivers. Stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer and following proper procedures for roadside tree felling)	RBBC/RHGC
21.	3.1 Woodland management	Left of 13 th tee	Remove silver birch, holly, ash and poor oaks (number tbc)	Clear poor tree specimens to allow better ones in the area to flourish and to improve sightline of walkers and golfers. Stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer)	RHGC/RBBC/RACV
22.	3.1 Woodland management	Left of 4 th fairway	Remove lowest bough of oak leaning over pathway	To balance weight of tree (root ball already exposed below ground surface), increase tree's longevity and increase acid grassland area (as per Ralph's Hobbs' advice and pending inspection and approval by tree officer)	RBBC
23.	3.1 Woodland management	Right of 8 th green	Remove 1 large and 3 small damaged oaks	To increase light, air and warmth and reduce risk of damage to green. Stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer)	RHGC
24.	3.1 Woodland management	Behind 13 th tee	Fell 3 silver birch	To reduce seed bank and damage to tee box and stump treat if appropriate (pending inspection and approval by Tree Officer)	RHGC
25.	3.3/3/4 Tree inspections	Whole site	Tree inspections	Monitor woodlands and archaeological areas for health and safety and carry out work as required. Trees in sensitive archaeological areas to be inspected and work carried out to minimise risk of damage.	RBBC
Habitat Management – General					
26.	5.3 Chemical & fertilizer use	N/A	Use of Chemicals/Fertilizers	Produce list of chemicals in current use – RBBC/Golf Club/Cricket Club	RBBC/GC/RHCC
27.	5.6 Higher Level Stewardship Scheme	N/A	Comply with and claim grant	Ensure that scheme is complied with and all monies claimed	RBBC
Historic Landscape					
28.	6.1 Scheduled monuments		As ref 3 above		RBBC/SAS
29.	6.6 Mapping	Whole site	Map location of veteran trees	Map veteran trees and other trees of note using GPS. Methods to be agreed between RBBC Countryside Mger/SAS/Volunteer Tech adviser	RBBC/SAS/Vol Tech Advisor

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Recreation and Infrastructure					
30.	8.1 /8.2Horse ride	Horse ride	Survey	Survey surface and signage of horse ride and carry out maintenance as required	RBBC
31.	8.4 Maintain paths	All	Maintain paths	Manage vegetation adjacent to paths, rides with regard to safety issues.	RBBC
32.	8.5 Maintain car parks	Comp 2,4&10	Maintain car parks	Maintain car parks including boundaries, furniture and sign board. Sign board information to be kept up to date with what is happening on the Heath and seasonal wildlife information.	RBBC
33.	8.7Access Roads	Whole site	Maintain access roads	Maintain roads to appropriate surface/s	RBBC
34.	8.9 Sports Licences	Whole site	Review sports licences	Review sports licences as appropriate	RBBC
Education, Interpretation and Communication					
35.	9.1 Role of Management plan	N/A	Role of Management plan	Raise awareness of management plan with general public, within RBBC and with external bodies (including statutory bodies and local clubs); publish executive summary of Management Plan, and RHSG minutes on RBBC website.	All
36.	9.2 Role of Steering Group	N/A	Role of Steering Group	Raise awareness within RBBC of role of steering group with eg information on website.	All
37.	9.3 Consultation and public engagement	N/A	Continue with consultation and public engagement	Continue consultation, awareness raising and engagement with users to improve understanding of management activity on the Heath, byelaws, dog fouling, cycling etc; to include guided walks, increased use of web based information, informative literature, flyers etc.	All
38.	9.4 Enforcement	N/A	Enforcement	Work with appropriate RBBC departments to ensure Reigate Heath is an integral part of Borough wide enforcement action/process	RBBC
39.	9.5 Interpretation and education	N/A	Interpretation and education	More than three guided walks to be held on the Heath and led by Countryside Rangers	RBBC
40.	9.6 Friends of Reigate Heath	N/A	Friends of Reigate Heath	Support Friends of Reigate Heath as a mouth piece for local residents as well as representing all lovers of the Heath	All

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41.	9.7 Annual work programme	N/A	Annual work programme (2012-2013)	All work forces to prepare annual work programmes, using standard format and to include unscheduled items; draft to be prepared and distributed to NE and RHSG 2 weeks prior to September meeting of RHSG; subsequent site visits and consultation on contentious items, if required, to be carried out by end of October; work to be approved by RHSG, assented by NE, and filed as part of management plan; feedback on work programmes to be provided by work force; work programmes to be co-ordinated and monitored by RHSG	All
42.	9.8 Annual review	N/A	Annual review		All
43.	9.9 Database	N/A	Database	Database for Reigate Heath incomplete; update to include all survey/monitoring results; others to be encouraged to notify RBBC if they hold relevant data	Vol Tech Advisor/ All
Monitoring					
44.	10.1 Heathland	Heathland	Monitoring	Annual monitoring review of all heathland restored under HLS scheme; follow up maintenance work scheduled as required	RHSG
45.	10.2 Acid grassland	Acid Grassland	Monitoring	Review complete; work programme prepared	RHSG
				Continue botanical survey programme on sports pitches	RBBC
				Record number of fixtures/games played	Sports clubs/ RHSG
				Review sport use	RHSG
46.	10.3 Woodlands	Woodlands	Monitoring	Liaise with RBBC woodland officer/woodland consultant for update on monitoring of woodland management plans	RHSG
47.	10.4 HLS Scheme	HLS Scheme	Monitoring	All Indicators of Success assessed; management modified as required	RHSG/NE
48.	10.6 Surveys	Surveys	Monitoring	Assess need and resources for other survey work; continue with volunteer bat surveys; review options for reptile surveys; feed all survey results in management plan updates	RHSG
49.	10.7 Database	Database	Monitoring	Restructure and commence to catalogue existing database to make data more accessible	RHSG Vol
50.	10.8 Plans, photos, documents	Plans, Photos, Documents	Monitoring	Ensure relevant photographs and data inserted in data base	All
51.	10.9 BAPs and BARS	BAPS and BARS	Monitoring	Assess input to Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS) for Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species and habitats and establish mechanism and timing for RBBC/Reigate Heath input	RHSG
52.	10.10 Consultation and public engagement.	Consultation and public engagement	Monitoring	Continue consultation, awareness raising and engagement with users (see 9.3 above); adapt management in light of feedback	RHSG/RBBC/FoRH

UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS

REF	Management plan ref	Location	Works proposed	Detail	Workforce
100	-	Various	Memorial benches	Agree sites for new benches after approaches by members of the public. Refurbish benches if appropriate, if new benches needed design to be in keeping with the rural nature of the site	RBBC
200	-	Various	Benches and other structures	Maintain benches to ensure that they remain safe to use. Remove benches that have become unsafe, informing donors if possible.	RBBC
300			Upgrade cement and plastic yardage markers with inert stone "discs" as already used on 7 th fairway	Remove 11 current concrete fairway markers and yellow plastic posts at side of fairways and place 16 appropriate sunken disc markers in the middle of the fairways denoting 200, 150 and 100 yards to the centre of the green on holes 1, 2,4,5,7 and 8.	RHGC
400		9 th /18 th tee box	Refurbish whole tee area (~200 square meters)	The tee box stands ~4' above Flanchford Rd level and has all six tee positions used on it. A large oak tree was removed on the east side of it some years ago causing subsidence and making ~ ¼ of the box unusable for teeing up a golf ball. This has resulted in over use of the roadside edge with subsequent subsidence and threat to the acid grassland on the roadside bank. In order to use the whole tee box properly and keep usage away from the edges, the tee box needs to be turf stripped, re-levelled and re-turfed. All arisings will be disposed of away from the site and only the existing soil will be used for levelling. The tee box will be no larger than it is currently and turves will be the same as those used on all tees.	RHGC
500	HC15 (HLS)	A25 Buckland Bends	Maintenance of successional areas and scrub	Manage scrub by coppicing elms and other species all arisings to be removed from site	RBBC/RACV



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