

Open Space

*An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
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*Please join us for the
Aldborough Hatch Litter Pick*



The Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) is joining forces with the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group on Saturday 11th May for the *Aldborough Hatch Litter Pick – the Big Tidy Up* - in an attempt to clean up the ditches, shrubberies, footpaths and bridleways of the area.

Will you join us for an hour or so? You would be most welcome and would have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to make Aldborough Hatch a cleaner and more pleasant area in which to live.

And at the end there will be a free barbecue for all those taking part – organised by the Scouts!

Aldborough Hatch Litter-pick



Saturday 11th May

Meet at St. Peter's Church Halls

Aldborough Road North

10am to 1pm

Free Barbecue from 12noon



A recent hour litter-picking on the stretch of Bridleway 93 running from St. Peter's Church to the rear entrance to St. Peter's Close produced a sack of rubbish (above) where the drink of choice was Budweiser with Lucozade second!



The AHDA last organised a clean-up in the Hatch in 1993 – 20 years ago! Here are members down a ditch in Oaks Lane (above). Will you join us this year?

The areas we will be targeting are as follows:

Bridleway 93 – running from St. Peter's Church via Aldborough Hatch Farm to Fairlop Waters and the bridge over the Central Line at Barkingside.

The footpath -St. Peter's Church to the Aldborough Hall Equestrian Centre and **Painters Road**

Oaks Lane – the ditch on the north side from Roy Gardens to Chase Lane.

Chase Lane – from Oaks Lane to the bridge over the Central Line and on to the steps down to Sainsbury's

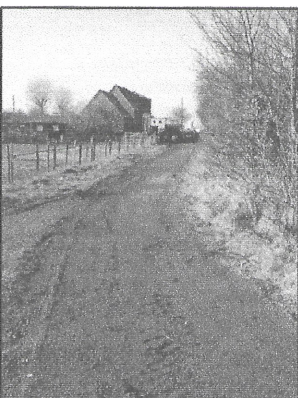
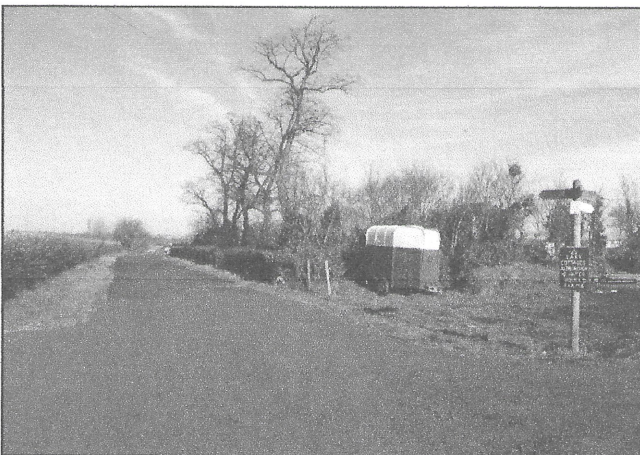
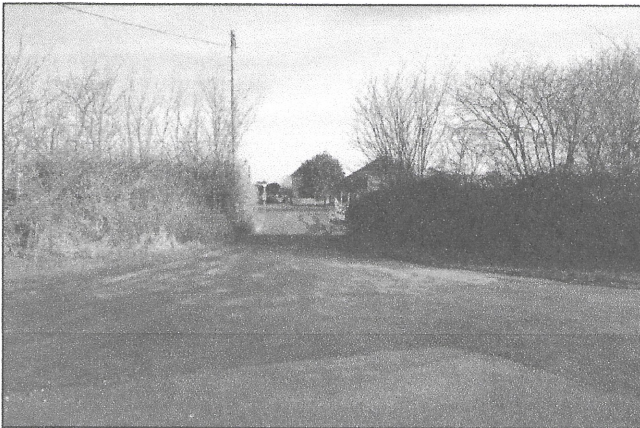
The Shrubberies in Aldborough Road North

Other areas identified by residents prior to the day
Meet at St. Peter's Church Halls from 10am onwards. Working in teams and pairs, you will be issued with a litter picker and plastic sack. First 30 will receive a high visibility jacket. Please wear stout gloves and appropriate footwear.

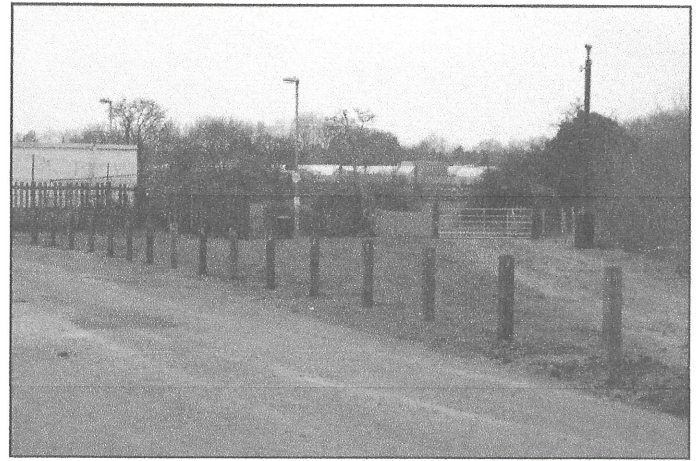
We are grateful to Lafarge UK for providing litter-pickers, to Redbridge Council Recycling for litter-pickers, plastic sacks and support rings, and to Keep Britain Tidy for high visibility jackets, sacks and posters. The Council will arrange collection of the sacks of rubbish. *Is litter spoiling your front garden? If so, it would be great if this could be tidied up!*

No more huge puddles!

Huge puddles on Bridleway 93 made life a misery last winter to dog walkers and residents on their way to work or shop in Barkingside. Following representations by the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association and Ward Councillors, Redbridge Council carried out remedial works in February. We are grateful to Council Officers and also to Jim Matthison of Aldborough Hatch Farm who carried out work on his sections of the Bridleway at his expense.



*(Top and second down)
The entrance from Oaks
Lane to Bridleway 93
before and after remedial
work to the roadway.
(Above and left) No more
puddles after rolled
hard-core was put down
on stretches of Bridleway
93 by the Council and
tenant farmer.*



(Above) Posts installed at Chase Lane by the Council at the instigation of the AHDA and Ward Councillors to prevent indiscriminate parking on an area of grassland.

We have received the following report from Lafarge

Quarry and Landfill Manager's Update

Firstly I would like to introduce myself and my site team. My name is Claudine Russell and I am the Quarry and Landfill Manager for this site, I also run two other quarries in Essex. I have worked in quarrying for 12 years with a break in between when I worked for the Environment Agency. The Quarry Supervisor is Dave Standing. We manage a team of three people on this site – a loading shovel operator, a bulldozer driver and a weighbridge operator. We also manage various contractors.

Fairlop Landfill is currently the busy side of the operation as we are receiving material from Crossrail and other contracts. The Crossrail material is clean clay that will provide us with an excellent base for our stored subsoils and topsoils. We hope to restore a sizeable amount of the Fairlop Area D this summer and then to start on our five year aftercare programme. (This is the area of Aldborough Hall Farm south from Painters Road.)

You may have noticed that we have recently completed our winter works on site. We have removed lots of bramble thickets and tidied up the area. We have also taken out some self-generated willow trees which would have discouraged species diversity in the restoration. We have planted about 1,000 metres of hedging, interspaced with oak trees that will mature over the years. This new hedge will eventually replace the metal fence, which will be removed once our landfilling activities on site have ceased.

We hope to be able to meet some of you during our time on site and would gladly escort groups of interested residents around – both to show you our site activities and to explain our final restoration plans. If you would like to book a visit, please contact me on 020 8598 9089 and we can arrange a mutually convenient time for your visit. You will need to wear sensible footwear, but we can provide high visibility vests and hard hats for your visit. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

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