

Kingsmead Wood – Volunteer Guidance

Howe Park is probably the woodland mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086. Parts of it may be rare surviving fragments of the 'wildwood' that covered the whole of lowland Britain after the last ice Age, 6-11,000 years ago.

Reporting Issues

If on your patrols/walks you notice something on our land that you feel should be reported then please send it through to us, your reports are invaluable to the Community Rangers as they can only be in so many places at one time!

Below is a brief table to give you a guide on priority of incidents and landscape issues in the parks. This scale is a guide as to help you better understand what takes priority in the parks. This is so that if something of low priority you had reported through to us has not been dealt with by the next time you go around it is on the list but other incidents and landscape issues have taken precedence.

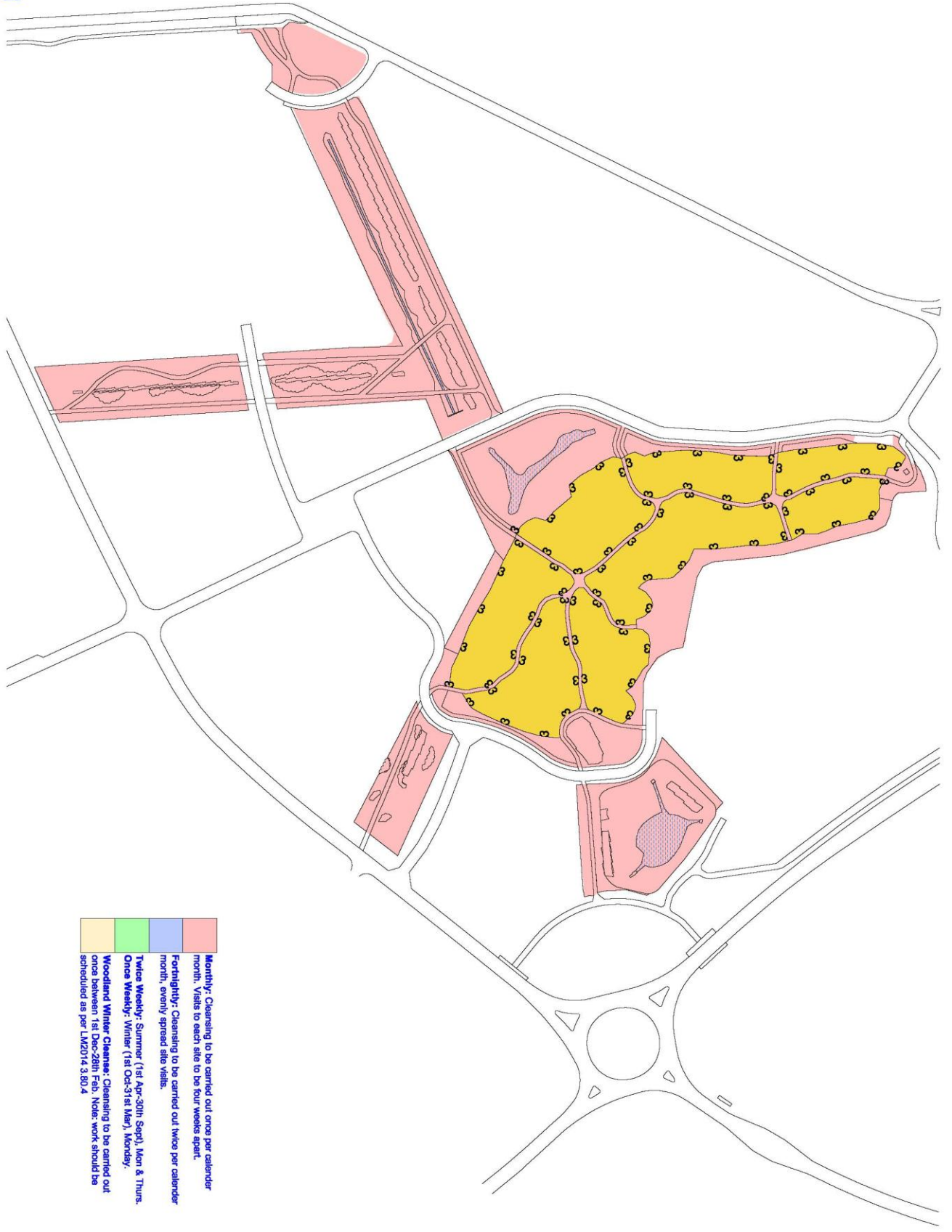
Higher Priority	Lower Priority
Fallen tree/branch over a path	Branch partially covering path
Collapsed Bridge	Vegetation grown partially over path
Damage to water safety furniture	Partial bridge side slats missing
Damage/Graffiti to notices/signs	Bench planks missing
Fly tipped waste	Small tree in river/lake
Chemical and polluting waste	Branch down next to but not on path
Fires (active)	Minor litter
Large tree in river/lake blocking drainage	Trolley in river
Grazing fencing damaged (animals present)	Fires (remnants/cold)
Severe damage to bird hides	Branch down in river
Attacks on livestock	Grazing fencing damaged (no animals present)
Injured livestock	Minor damage to bird hides

Public Services

When should public services be contacted? The table below gives a guide on how to recognise when to contact the emergency services.

Incident	Example	Contact
Antisocial behaviour, criminal activity, and other illegal activity	Motorbikes on parkland, criminal damage (vandalism), drug use/dealing	999- Thames Valley Police (TVP) if incident in progress. 101 - TVP if after the event. The Parks Trust (after TVP has been contacted with a URN/CRN).
Unauthorised Encampments	Tents, Travellers	If tents; The Parks Trust. If travellers; Milton Keynes Council (01908 254569) then The Parks Trust.
Medical Emergency	Unconscious or injured park user	999 - Ambulance in first instance, then The Parks Trust (for records)
Attack on Livestock (ongoing)	Dog attacking sheep	999 - TVP if in progress. The Parks Trust if after the event or dead livestock found.

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- Monthly:** Cleansing to be carried out once per calendar month. Visits to each site to be four weeks apart.
- Fortnightly:** Cleansing to be carried out twice per calendar month, evenly spread site visits.
- Twice Weekly:** Summer (1st Apr-30th Sept), Mon & Thurs.
- Once Weekly:** Winter (1st Oct-31st Mar), Monday.
- Woodland Winter Cleanse:** Cleansing to be carried out once between 1st Dec-28th Feb. Note: work should be scheduled as per LM2014.3.80.4

Key

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Darker shading: Plantations

Lighter shading: Grass/open areas

Emergency Contact Details

Who?	What?	When?
Emergency Services	999	If utmost urgency. I.e. someone unconscious, serious criminal activity.
Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency	101	Most instances, from motorbikes to drug use.
Duty Ranger Number	07770646583	Any incident in the parks
Parks Trust Main Office	01908 233600	If duty number not picking up after a couple of attempts.

Emergency Vehicle Access

Through the car park just off V7 opposite Westcroft district centre. Access to the car park is through a height restricted barrier. Access onto the Parkland is through a locked post. Rangers carry a key. MK4 3GG

Or

Through car park on Howe Rock Place. MK4 3BX

NB: Rangers carry keys for yellow posts, gates and barriers that lead onto The Parks Trust land.

It will greatly assist the emergency services if someone can meet them at, and direct them from, the access point.