



## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT WILDLIFE TRUST REPORT FOR YATELEY COMMON SOUTH

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As has been highlighted in previous reports unfortunately payments from the current Higher Level Scheme (HLS) for Yateley South have been frozen following an inspection by the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) in 2016. This is extremely frustrating as the Trust feels that we have satisfactorily delivered all parts of the grant scheme and so have made a number of representations, including letters and meetings with Natural England (NE) asking for release of the funding and clarification on their reasons for the hold up. This lack of funding from the HLS has limited site works that the Trust has been able to undertake. However we are delighted to say that this has now been resolved, that NE/RPA are satisfied with the work undertaken by HIWWT and that payments have been resumed.

The Trust recently held a site meeting with the MoD training Marshall and MoD ecologist to discuss site management. Further scrub clearance works were discussed and the hope is to start these works next winter.

The current HLS agreement expires this year and Natural England has offered the Trust a roll-over agreement for a further year, which we have agreed to.

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