

## Oliver's Battery Parish Council

### ACV (2) Progress Report for July 23 Meeting

We are in the process of putting together the bundle of evidence for the Re-Nomination. This will be finished during July and sent in, with accompanying form, to WCC by the end of July. Our listing runs out on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This bundle will consist of

1. Explanation. A collection of photographs showing the landscape, people using the field, walking dogs, riding horses, running, cycling, pushing buggies, Wendy Bramhall sketching, birds, butterflies, wildflowers, etc. Photos will be at different times of day, seasons of the year. People – old, young, mobile, not so mobile, singly and in groups. We are aiming for a comprehensive 'snapshot' of who goes there, what they do and what the landscape looks like.
2. Explanation. Analysis Sheet for Texas Field from Survey on possible SHELAA sites in and around Oliver's Battery. March 2022. Clear evidence that field as ACV was much valued.
3. Explanation. Independent Survey from Resident. 180 people over 10 days in May 23. Interviews and analysis. Valuable stand-alone 'Snapshot' evidence of use.
4. Explanation. Transcripts and Analysis of Residents' Survey put out to over 100 people on email contacts list. Opportunity for Residents to reflect. Valuable opportunity to note how past five years have developed use of field, and how it will continue to develop in future.
5. Explanation. Transcriptions from Residents' email Testimonials responding to the request in March PC Community Newsletter to all households in Oliver's Battery - what Texas Field means to them, how they use it, its value to community, etc. Very powerful statements from new and long-term residents.
6. Explanation. Extract from First tier Tribunal Judgement, dismissing Landowner's Appeal in our favour. Community use is an actual current use that is not ancillary to agricultural use. Conclusion that this should continue in the future.
7. Completed Application Form for Re-Nomination. Short Summary Boxes enable us to summarise most forceful reasons for continuation of ACV Listing.

Once this is all done, it will be a most powerful argument in support of our application to Re-Nominate the land as an ACV.

I would like to get this onto our website (obviously individual names removed) by the autumn. It's well worth a mention in the Newsletter.

CMLeach 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**Recommendation: The PC supports the application to Re-Nominate the land we know as Texas Field and Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve (Land at Oliver's Battery, Silkstead Farm, Compton officially).**