**Bringsty Common Manorial Court**

**Chair Report –May 2021**

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Bringsty Common Manorial Court has continued to strive for physical and mental well-being for residents and visitors to Bringsty’s peaceful and beautiful landscape, to communicate and represent residents, enhance the sense of community, honour our heritage, increase bio-diversity and contribute to CO2 reduction.

To this end since the last meeting we now have a defibrillator, a bus shelter and an active conservation group. The defibrillator is located at Bringsty Vintage Living and available for use by residents and visitors alike in the event of a cardiac emergency. The bus shelter is a much needed step towards making use of public transport more accessible and attractive. Despite two arson attacks within days of each other, one on the bus shelter and one on the common itself, residents’ and councillors’ hard work and determination has meant that the bus shelter is now back to more than its former glory and trees and wild flowers have already been planted by the conservation group to replace those lost in the fire.

We have also made significant strides in putting forward the arguments from residents and visitors for both enforcement of the current speed limit and reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph through Bringsty. Both Brockhampton and Whitbourne Parish Council are now supporting this campaign.

Following the return of the football team to Bringsty last year the pitch is now improved to a standard where it can, and is being used more widely for a range of activities.

A fire assessment has been made in response to recent arson events with advice on widening of the tracks and how residents can feel safer by cutting scrub next to their houses. Although timing of the cutting of the tracks was not seen to be a significant factor by the fire brigade, a number of residents have expressed the view that an early cut would be preferred and this will be proposed to the meeting today.

Funding for conservation work on the grasslands was provided last year from Butterfly Conservation and Morgan Motors and we hope to achieve the same for the forthcoming year. For the future the cutting of any tracks and conservation work is at risk as our funds start to reduce and a bigger question is whether we can obtain larger scale funding for woodland and common management and/or whether we should look to new ownership of the common where we can ensure funding and conservation.