

BROADLEY COPSE UPDATE – AUGUST 2020

The Broadley Copse site comprises of 3 businesses, Basil Baird (Fareham) Ltd, ASH Farming LLP and Broadley Energy Ltd. We would like to work closely with the community and our Liaison Group suggested a monthly newsletter to help keep the community updated with some of our activities around the sites.

Basil Baird (Fareham) LTD

Wheat harvest got under way on 18th July, 10 days earlier than normal, the quality and yield is also much better than expected.

We have just hatched and reared 50 English Partridge to return to the wild, to try and promote this endangered species that used to be a common site on farms.

Another rare site on the farm are brown Hares, and working with natural England and growing habitats that are 'Hare friendly' we have counted up to 100 hares, which we are really proud of.

Now the crops are being cleared, we will be spreading the bio fertiliser from the AD plant on to farmers land, going in to crop this autumn. All tractors controlled by us should not exceed 20mph through the local villages. We will remind our staff the importance of this. Please do let us know if they exceed!

All 44 chimneys have now been fitted to the pig buildings as agreed with the community, this will help reduce the odour from the pig buildings.

ASH Farming LLP

Harvest is ahead of schedule, meaning straw and cereals for feed are being purchased from local farmers to reduce both carbon footprints. Unfortunately, due to the weather during the growing season, many arable farmers have been struggling with yields of cereals and straw this year.

This will have a knock-on effect on price coming into the pig unit and will also mean additional supplies will have to be sought later in the year from the national market.

Dung is being shipped back out to local farmers to use as fertiliser for growing their next crops.

The Chimneys are now on the finishing pig buildings and there is some programming work to finish on the fa to be completed by mid-August.

The rearing pigs have now been split between the 3 fields, which we hope should reduce the burden on the soil and the odour created.

Broadley Energy LTD

The AD process is continuing cleanly and efficiently, producing lots of green renewable energy, and we have expanded the site team, with two new operators to help keep everything running smoothly.

We are in the process of planning a couple of essential maintenance tasks, and we will write to residents about those in due course; once we have the full plans confirmed.

Due to the hot dry weather, we are expecting the maize harvest to be early this year, and this will likely start in early September.

SITE ACTIVITY *This section is to update you with any activities that we have happening on site during the month which could cause an increase in traffic, odour etc.*

As harvest is in full swing, we will be having a lot of straw bales delivered to the site. Depending on the weather, there will also be Challow muck leaving the fields to be spread ahead of the pre Autumn planting.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint regarding Broadley Copse Farm please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our email address is complaints@broadleycopse.co.uk

If your complaint is specifically regarding odour, we would ask within your email that you include the following: Date, Time of smell, Location and smell intensity rated 1 – 6 with 6 being strongest.

All information regarding odour complaints will be entered onto our complaints log and is shared with the Environment Agency and Environmental Health, however you can still complain to them directly.