

BROADLEY COPSE UPDATE – JULY 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

At last, 40mm of welcome rain has saved many crops from failing and yielding badly, so we are very happy. We think harvest will start earlier this year in July, so straw will be arriving on sites.

All of the diseased Ash trees with Ash dieback, next to footpaths and highways have now been cut down and stacked ready to be collected. It has taken 8 people three weeks to complete the task.

All of the chimneys and related parts for the pig buildings have now arrived on site with the first one going up with English contractors in the next two weeks. Once completed frames to support the chimneys will be fabricated and then we will start erecting the other 43 chimneys. The Germans could not assist with this work because of Covid 19.

We have started a programme to reintroduce the endangered English Grey Partridge at Downs Farm with the first 113 eggs in our incubator! Fingers crossed!

ASH Farming LLP

The Flowers are in full bloom and the bees are buzzing! We have installed fly traps around the perimeter of the site this month, in an effort to help try and reduce the local fly population this summer. Chimney works on the pig buildings are set to begin imminently which will hopefully help to reduce odour impacts from the site, by improved odour dispersion into the atmosphere.

We have now begun splitting the rearing pig huts between 3 fields rather than concentrating them all in one place again in an effort to try to reduce odour.



Pic: Fly Traps

Broadley Energy LTD

Due to the hot dry weather, the Rye harvest has come particularly early this year. The Whole Crop Rye Silage, which has been grown by two local farms; Lordington and Northlands is already cut and in our silage clamp. Growing rye helps local farmers to control Black Grass; as it is harvested before it has produced any viable seeds. Black Grass is a particularly challenging weed as it is so tough it can even damage combines. It has no chemical treatment, so cutting it young before it seeds is very beneficial.

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 looming, we will be replenishing our straw supplies for the year and hopefully exporting the manure from the rearing field off site, please bear with us during this time. There maybe some liquid digestate tanker movement on the roads depending upon the weather and demand from farmers.



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.