

BROADLEY COPSE UPDATE – OCTOBER 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

After the first weekend of October, we recorded 110mm of rain over those 4 days! Wheat drilling still to start and complete so hopefully it will dry out soon!

All the liquid digestate carting has now finished for the year, so the flow of machinery traffic will slow right down.

Maize harvest was completed in good time this year with lower than average yields due to the dry and hot summer.

The English partridge that we incubated and reared have been released in the wild as planned. All 76 birds are doing well and will hopefully breed next spring/summer. The young chicks live on insects for the high protein content that is needed, so we will once again be planting a lot of wild flowers on the farm this autumn to try and encourage insect population.

We will be starting to trim the 18,000 meters of hedging we have on the farm, creating the correct shapes to encourage wild birds to nest in the spring next year.

ASH Farming LLP

It has been a busy few months removing dung from the outdoor rearing site rather than leaving it in the field. Luckily, we have managed to get the majority of it away to arable farmers to use as fertiliser before we got caught out with the recent rains! This dung is produced weekly so through the winter we will pick our times to remove more when ground conditions allow.

In the pig buildings we have altered the way we feed the pigs in an effort to reduce the amount of ammonia excreted by them (ammonia is linked to odour produced). We also have another trial about to start feeding a Yucca extract which has the same effect binding the ammonia into the dung and we hope it will reduce the ammonia excreted even more.

Finally, we are in the early stages of a trial spraying the straw beds that the pigs live on with natural enzymes that bind the ammonia within the bed rather than excreting. Again, it is hoped that this will reduce odour, as well as creating cleaner air for the pigs within the buildings but also create a more nutritious feed stock for the anaerobic digester when the sheds are cleaned out.

Broadley Energy LTD

Both our CHP (Combined Heat & Power) engines have been through their major annual services. This means they have been taken apart and cleaned inside and out. Following what has been quite an intensive fortnight with a lot of engineers working on site, we are fully restored, and ramping up our generation.

At the same time, the work to clean out our lagoons is now complete. The smaller lagoon will soon be fully restored.

Our silage clamps are full of feedstock, and we are now ready to generate the electricity that will keep your lights running over winter.

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.*

There are no forthcoming activities on site that could cause an increase in traffic.

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.