

# SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please complete the following details and send with your subscription to the address below.

Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Brandy Hole Copse.

Please write clearly so we may record your details accurately.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Annual subscription: £5

Donation:

Total:

Signed:

Date:

Please send to:

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## WHILE YOU ARE HERE:

- Please keep Brandy Hole Copse tidy – pick up any litter if you can.
- Let the Friends know if you see anything that you believe could be a risk to visitors
- Contact the Police or Fire and Rescue if you see unlawful/ anti-social activities taking place or unauthorised fires being lit .
- Tell us if you see something interesting or unusual
- Let us know if you have any ideas about the Copse
- Enjoy the natural beauty and tranquillity of the Copse
- Become a Friend!

**Please enjoy the Copse, but please respect its purpose and do not do anything that is not consistent with the concept of a nature reserve**

## Thank You

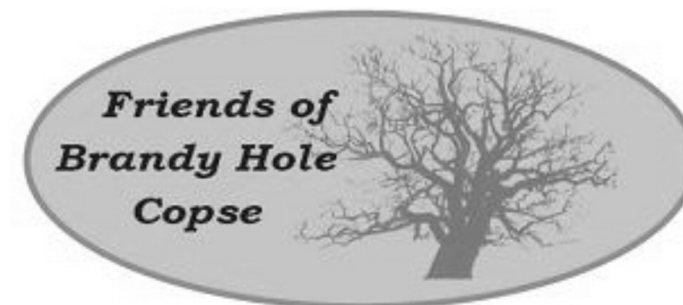
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# Walking your dog in Brandy Hole Copse nature reserve by Friends of Brandy Hole Copse



The Friends of Brandy Hole Copse are delighted to welcome you and your dog(s) to Brandy Hole Copse Local Nature Reserve.

We welcome responsible dog owners and well-behaved dogs and we know what a popular area this is for our four-legged friends. We even have a dog as a fully paid-up Friend of the Copse.

One reason that we love to see dog walkers is that many of you are regular/daily visitors and therefore can keep an eye on the area and look out for any problems or activities that are not consistent with a nature reserve.

We also hope that as a regular visitor you may want to join the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse, which is open to everyone who enjoys and cares about the Copse.

**Caring for Brandy Hole Copse**  
Chichester's only designated Local Nature Reserve

[www.brandyholecopse.org.uk](http://www.brandyholecopse.org.uk)

## LOOKING AFTER BRANDY HOLE COPSE

We all love to see happy dogs, but there are some aspects of a nature reserve that are not compatible with some aspects of the happy dog! The Copse is primarily here to protect wildlife, flora and fauna. Many dog walkers already do many things to help protect the area. We would be grateful if you would consider the following when walking your dog in this area.

### PLEASE:

- Keep your dog under control. This does not necessarily mean on the lead, as long as your dog is well-trained and will return promptly at your command. If not, please keep the dog on a lead.
- Even the friendliest family dog is bred from many generations of hunting dogs and, sufficiently far back, from wolves. It is a dog's instinct to hunt and chase wild creatures. This is not appropriate in a nature reserve.
- Please clean up after your dog. There is a temptation for some people not to do this in what looks like a wild area, but dog faeces are a constant nuisance and danger to other adults, children and wild creatures. They can spread unpleasant diseases. Please remove them and deposit them in the dog bins provided at each end of the Copse. Please DO NOT put them in plastic bags and then leave the bags in the Copse.

- There are many well-established paths in the Copse. We ask you to keep to these paths and not cut across the other areas of the Copse where informal paths are developing as this erodes or prevents the re-generation of the ground cover plants.
- The ponds in the Copse are designed for wildlife, not as swimming pools for dogs. Furthermore, wildlife pond areas naturally contain small populations of brown rats that may carry diseases which are dangerous to dogs.
- Cycling is permitted between Centurion Way and Brandy Hole Lane, however, although 'no cycling' signs are displayed widely at the entrances to the rest of the Copse, some youngsters persist in cycling through this area and there have been incidents where off-the lead dogs have been injured. If you feel able to politely point out to cyclists that this is a non-cycling area, that would be very helpful (but please do not become involved in any confrontation that may put you at personal risk).
- Do not disturb log piles on the ground. These are intended for the benefit of insects, reptiles and small mammals, not as dog toys or building materials.



### How you can join us

We welcome all new members.

The subscription of just £5 is kept low so that no one should be excluded.

I would be interested in (please tick all that apply):

- attending talks and walks
- delivering newsletters
- joining the committee
- looking after a notice board
- doing survey work
- helping on practical work parties
- giving a donation
- offering skills such as:

- I am interested in the work of the Friends but am currently unable to offer any active assistance.

Please complete the form overleaf and detach this section and return with your subscription to the membership secretary's address.