

Erecting the 5 new information boards to be put up at the main entrances to Naphill Common.

The first of the 5 new information boards was erected at the end of Chapel Lane on the evening of Friday 7th May starting at 6pm. They were made possible by generous grants from the Chiltern Conservation Board, Natural England, Bucks County Council, Hughenden Parish Council, Cllr Richard Pushman and Cllr John Gibbs' fund for local projects, and the Friends of Naphill Common's own funds. Philip Hussey had designed the new notice boards with the help of Friends of Naphill Common Committee including Steve Rodrick and others. Philip arranged for the boards to be made and delivered to his house. He also treated the timber and made several templates to assist with the placing of the holes, their depth and making sure the boards were upright and square.

The biggest problem was digging the holes. The first 2 inches were easy – grass and soil – then we hit a layer of stones. David Greenwood made good use of his 6ft metal crowbar (see below). This worked very well in getting the stones out and loosening the earth. We had to go down 2ft (61cm in new money) , 2 at the front and 2 angled ones at the back to give support.



Putting the board together was no problem – apart from the weight. There are 4 main bolts on the board itself onto which are fitted the 2 legs. The bag legs are attached to the front legs. (see images below).



Having carefully dug the holes the board was erected without any problems. (see below)



Many thanks to (left to right) Trevor Hussey, David Greenwood, Philip Hussey, Steve Rodrick, Peter Davis (behind the camera) and to Kevin Bennett (for the loan of a hole borer) for their efforts in erecting this first notice board. Only 4 more to go.

On the 15th May 2010 the second information board has been erected at the end of Forge Road.





Clumps on 21st May



30th May at the end of Downley Road



11th June at the end of Hunts Hill Road. We were very lucky this day as a small digger was passing just as we arrived and the driver very kindly offered to help dig the holes. This saves us not only a great deal of time but a lot of effort in digging 2ft deep holes.



Many thanks must go to all the people who helped erect these information boards – it was no mean task – David Greenwood, Kevin Bennett, Peter Davis, Philip Hussey, Steve Rodrick and Trevor Hussey without their help this project would never have been completed.