

Denbies Hillside property news – autumn/winter 2011

We'll soon be grazing Steers field, the brow and the big field, with Belted Galloway cattle. This hardy beef breed is used to maintain our open areas of chalk grassland and help to control invasive thorn scrub. Please keep dogs under close control when walking near the cattle.



New picnic area



Our team of woodworking volunteers have been busy making new oak picnic tables. We'll soon be fitting these just inside the gate in Steers field.

We hope you'll enjoy using them and the logs for sitting or climbing on too.

Gold finches



Look out for these beautifully coloured birds with their bright red faces. They've a delightful liquid twittering song and call. Their long fine beaks allow them to extract seeds from thistles and teasels and they're increasingly visiting bird tables and feeders. In winter, many goldfinches migrate as far South as Spain.

Where can you see them? Anywhere there're scattered bushes, trees and rough ground with thistles.

Winter food for our wild birds



You'll notice the bright red berries of Hawthorn as you walk around the Hillside. The wild berries help to sustain many birds over the winter months. Our hedgerows provide a "wild food Larder" for our wildlife. Putting out bird feeders at home also helps the birds over the colder months.

We hope you enjoy your visit...

Wrap up warm, pull on those boots and blow the winter blues away – see the wildlife, the vibrant autumnal colours and the glistening frosty views looking out over the Surrey Hills. You're sure to return home feeling fully refreshed. Don't miss the hot refreshments available from the food trailer in the car park.

Your comments

We value your comments as we're always looking at ways to make improvements around the hill. Please e-mail us your thoughts or complete a comment card at the Denbies Hillside car park notice board after your visit.

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