

**Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Boyland Common Report**

Following on from the September report, the Common was cut by the 18<sup>th</sup> September, and the cuttings removed. A letter of thanks was sent to the three local Farmers who, between themselves, organise and undertake to get this work done for us.

Chris Batey did return in October to check the Owl Box, having earlier discovered a second clutch of eggs. Unfortunately this clutch had not hatched, as was the case with several 'second clutches' in the area. However, there was evidence that the Owl box was still being used by the Barn owls, which is good news.

Looking back over the year the cold wet Spring had made a difference to the appearance of some of the wildflower species. However two of the signature plant species, the Adder's Tongue Fern, and the Quaking Grass had shown an increase in population.

Once again, we thank Ivan Lord for mowing the paths when possible. The existence of paths always indicates that the Common is there for people to enjoy.

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