

**Westbury Wilds Report 2018**  
**For Westbury Annual Parish Meeting**

For newcomers to the Village, Westbury Wild is an old woodland covering about 20 acres held in trust for the residents of Westbury. This wood lies about half a mile north of the village towards Biddlesden on the left-hand side.

The origins stem back to before the Enclosure Act of 1764. An extract of this is painted on a board which resides in the belfry of our Church, St. Augustines. There are five trustees who are chaired by our vicar, Liz Simpson.

Last autumn The Wilds had a trim and The Grafton Hunt made a circular ride around the middle of it where the old concrete lanes were originally laid during the second world war (or there a bouts).

This wood can only be accessed by foot or on horseback as much trouble was caused by travellers in the past, who cut their way into the Wilds and set up camp. After much expense and trouble they were evicted. Since then the Wilds has been left in peace, for which it was intended.

Jacky Owen.