

Friends of Latchmore

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Latchmore “saved by the rain” – for the moment

The Friends of Latchmore are pleased to hear that the Forestry Commission has decided to defer work on the main stream of the Latchmore Brook until next year¹. However, this is only a temporary respite, as none of the fundamental problems with the project have been addressed, and it is still intended to continue with work on the mires “subject to favourable weather conditions”.

Professor John Shepherd, chair of the Friends of Latchmore, said “It is ironic that a project designed to make the stream flood more frequently should be delayed because it is flooding too much! However, this gives the Forestry Commission and its partners² more time to do a proper assessment of both the likely damage and the possible benefits of the project. We believe that they should do that before trying to start work on the mires at Thompson’s Castle too. In any case it would be madness to try to move heavy machinery into these areas with the ground saturated as it is this year.”

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More Information

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¹ See FC Press Release available at <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newsrele.nsf/WebPRByCountryLang/CA512A437F700C5980257A38004CFA37>

² The main partners in the Scheme are the Forestry Commission, the National Park Authority, the Verderers and Natural England