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The last subject I want to touch on is the difficulty we have in the forest of trying to convince people that the maintenance we do is necessary to give the forest that traditional 'New Forest' look, and is not done to ruin peoples favourite walk or view. At the moment river restoration is causing some difficulty with locals in the north of the forest but we feel we have to show our support for the system which after many site visits endorsed the stream restoration at Latchmore Bottom. This is the same system which is used to deliver all our programmes so although we do not always agree with every last detail of a scheme we certainly agree with the principals of how it was arrived at so therefore we should not let one small group of locals, however well intentioned, derail the whole process.

*Bill Howells*