Hounslow Heath
Management 2000 to 2016
Site Description

- 124 hectares including golf course and the River Crane LNR 81 hectares
- Clay cap on eastern side of site overlying land fill, mixture of reconstituted gravels on western half of site.
- Eastern side of site comprising heathland and acid grassland habitat mixed with oak, birch and hawthorn, bramble scrub and neutral grassland.
- Western side of site neutral grassland and hawthorn and bramble scrub areas of willow and hedgerows

- Green lung for 40,000 surrounding residents
- Primarily used by dog walkers also has green way route through centre of site daily traffic of commuters
- Under 1 mile from Heathrow
- Estimated foot fall around 200,000 visits per year
- Utilised by army for training runs etc
- Operating ranger team and Friends of group
Communities/species of importance

- **Scrub and woodland bird populations**

- **Invertebrate Populations**

- **Adders and other reptiles**

**Plants**
Management over last 15 years
Heathland Restoration/Creation
• Hay cutting
Tree coppicing and removal
Volunteers
Flailing
Hedges
Hibernacula creation
Habitats and effects (heath)
New clearance
Neutral scrub and grassland
grassland
Woodland edge
bramble
Issues effecting adders on site

• Dog interference
• Fires
• Lack of management, succession
• Lack of understanding by local populace
• Hibernacula locations and substrate
• Site size and connectivity
• Island effects
• Litter, vandalism
Fly tipping and litter
Introduced 42 snakes present estimated numbers well over 200