

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, Lifestyle, Sport and Tourism
2.	Date:	21 st June 2011
3.	Title:	Naming Bird Hide at Ulley Country Park
4.	Programme Area:	Environment & Development Services

5 Summary

This report summarises a proposal to name a new bird hide at Ulley Country Park.

6. Recommendations

- That the content of this report be noted by the Cabinet Member
- That the Cabinet Member supports the proposal to name the new bird hide at Ulley Country Park 'The Russ Howes Bird Hide'

7. Proposals and Details

A new bird hide/screen has been constructed at Ulley Country Park (UCP). It has been funded through the Rother Valley West Area Assembly Devolved Budget. It is proposed that it is named 'The Russ Howes Bird Hide'

This proposal is seen as a fitting tribute to the exceptional contribution made by Russ Howes through 23 years of volunteering at UCP. Over this period Russ has:

- Written and published a history of the park. All proceeds are given to the Friends of UCP and are used to improve the park.
- Written and produced a guided history walk of the park, which is very popular.
- Collated and taken an invaluable photographic record of the park's natural and physical history.
- Contributed greatly to the production of three high quality interpretation boards around the park.
- Worked alongside rangers over 23 years on numerous environmental education and practical conservation tasks, often on a weekly basis.
- Up until his recent mobility problems Russ has led many guided walks around the park.

Despite being eighty years old, Russ continues to work tirelessly for the benefit of the park. He still attends all relevant meetings and events helping out wherever he is asked to. It is felt appropriate that his work is recognised in this way during his lifetime.

8 Finance

The proposal has no significant financial implications. The hide has already been constructed and paid for by the Rother Valley West Area Assembly.

9 Risk and Uncertainties

There are no risks or uncertainties associated with this proposal.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Rotherham Proud: To increase levels of civic pride and citizen involvement through the provision of inclusive cultural services and opportunities for voluntary and community sector involvement.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Rother Valley West Area Assembly, who have funded the project, are supportive of the proposal, as are the Friends of Ulley Country Park.

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