Portsdown Post III

A pictorial update from Portsdown



Habitat management goes on, such as mowing off scrub and dung collecting. By and large the dung is dry, so much easier to round up. Now the horses have gone we can start catching up with their production.





Kissing gates still need fixing but the piles of shredded scrub are being reduced.





Excellent butterfly weather This holly blue, peacock and small copper posed for a picture. Common blues were seen in late April but were too busy fighting to be photographed.



Other insect life is getting into gear. This *Crypocephalus* beetle is a sure sign spring is moving on.







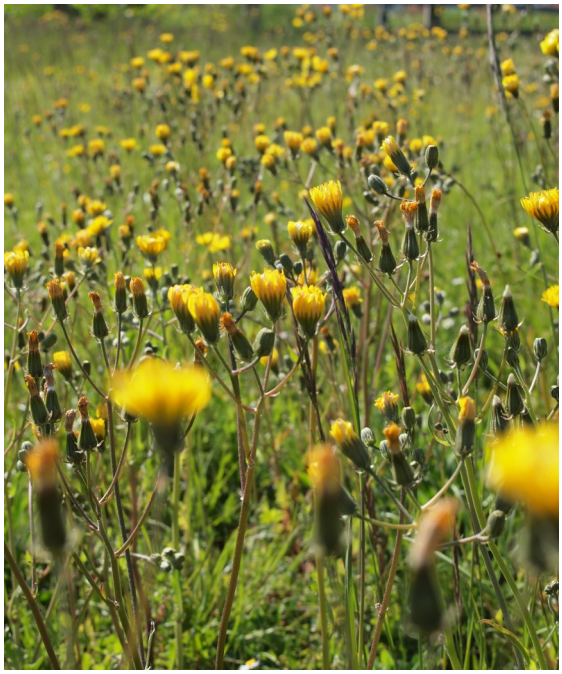
Paulsgrove chalk pit is looking good once the litter and Tesco trolleys has been shifted. Peregrines over head and the pond is full of life



The woods just to the north are a delight of bluebells and classic spring woodland wildlife, such as dancing swarms of these Green long-horned moth.







Lots of these Hawks-beards in flower at the moment. The reduced cutting regime at the fort has favoured them.