

**MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL
Maintenance Committee**

Item: MA060 21b) Stockbridge Meadows signage

Date: 19 August 2021

Having read your request for feedback from users of the Nature Reserve, I thought I would contribute a couple of points.

I have been a regular visitor to the site, particularly over the past eighteen months, and have hugely appreciated having such a wild green space to walk in. I have loved watching its changing aspect as the seasons rolled round - there is always something new to notice - and I'm very grateful to everyone who contributes to its maintenance.

You refer to it as a hidden gem. In fact it seems almost deliberately concealed (which I'm sure is not the doing of the Parish Council). Along the approach to the gate are two notices that say "Private Access Road, Parking Strictly Forbidden", which must act as a bit of a deterrent to anyone who doesn't know the set-up. I assume there is a public right of way over the road so would it not be possible to have a sign indicating this, also perhaps that parking for the nature reserve is available at the top of the road?

Best regards