

## Summer holiday in nature restoration on Grenen?



**Since the beginning of March there has not very much happened in the large-scale nature recovery project LIFE REWETDUNE on Grenen.**

Since last summer, immediately after the summer holiday, there has been happening a lot on Grenen. Many trees have been cut down. Some of the trees have been transported from the felling site into stacks and awaiting chipping to be used as biofuel in the heating plants in Hjørring and Aabybro. However, on the areas at Grenen there are still some felled trees to be driven together and stacked up for later chipping to end up as fuel in the heating plants.

Why are they still there? Shouldn't the trees have been transported out a long time ago? Yes, it should. However, it is not always working as "the priest preaches". Wood transportation was struck by problems: An entrepreneur was injured and had to leave the project for a long time. Another machine was replaced, but suffered a definitely break down and was dragged away from the site. In the late winter the frost bound ground made it possible to carry out transportation again. It went well - until the thaw weather started. Then all machine activities were stopped. The risk of terrain damage by driving heavy machines was too large. Rather wait and avoid major irreparable damage.

There is now an area of approx. 31 hectares, where trees are still laying waiting for transportation to roadside. The trees are now drying out. They have become very badly to look at. Brown and dried out they looks. The dry weather this spring and the splendid summer have allowed to regain heavy machine

activities. However, there is a hassle with the machine effort. A balance has been made that first, consideration must be given to nature and peace be given to breeding animals and birds. Therefore, the tree transport and the last tree felling operations will not be done no earlier than mid-July 2018 - of course, assuming that terrain conditions allows it.

In the nearby areas to the east of the project area, there has just been carried out transportation and stacking of felled trees. The transportation was carefully considered, and it was estimated that human interests in this situations where considered the highest.