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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***Occupation of “Sandles” at Thrupp Lake, Radley***

1. Save Radley Lakes does not undertake or support illegal activities.
2. The recent occupation of “Sandles”, the large house next to Thrupp Lake, is nothing to do with Save Radley Lakes, or any local protest movement. Save Radley Lakes strongly refutes any suggestion or implication to the contrary.
3. The occupation occurred sometime during the Christmas break and we were as surprised as anyone.
4. Having established communication with the new occupants of “Sandles”, Save Radley Lakes is reasonably satisfied that the occupation is lawful. The new residents claim to be homeless people, and we are happy to take that claim at its face value.
5. Save Radley Lakes is pleased that the property, which has lain vacant and derelict for over 18 months, and which had become a target for vandals and ravers, is now being put to good use.
6. The new occupants appear to be environmentally responsible people and, as such, do not represent any kind of threat to the Lake or the property. They also appear to be genuinely concerned by the threat to the Lake and have offered their full support to the campaign to save it.
7. Save Radley Lakes is therefore cautiously supportive of the occupation of “Sandles”, which appears, on balance, to be a positive step in protecting the Lake from harm by putting a further obstacle in npower’s path towards its destruction.

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