

4 April 2016

Winkworth Woodland Community Project – 2nd April-Big Clearance day

Setting up from 9 am in preparation for our volunteers to come flooding in was quite nerve wracking! Who would come? Who had seen the posters? Would anyone be bothered?

Needless to say in the event we had 43 volunteers arrive and take part in an enjoyable few hours of helping transform our plot from a rubbish strewn, overgrown scrubland to something that appears cared for.

We had quite a few Scouts both young and older ones who did sterling work in helping to clear the site of rubbish, deadwood and transferring the green waste from where it was being raked out onto our pile for collection by the SCC.

Without their energy we wouldn't have been able to clear quite so much as we did.

As we previously stated we have built a deadwood pile to encourage bugs, beetles and other insects, plus our scouts made some bird boxes that will be installed shortly. All the saplings and other useable wood were stacked off the ground and some has already been used to delineate the bird nesting areas, which we are leaving quite alone.



The Deadwood pile was dug into the ground to attract damp, moisture loving insects such as Stag beetles.

Green waste i.e. the ground ivy which had been raked out was stacked in a green waste pile next to the roadside and will be taken away for recycling into compost by SCC this week, indeed they have already removed the large builders bag of bricks and rubble collected from the site.

We had a picnic at 12 on our central area, some volunteers went home for lunch and returned later but throughout the day there was a great spirit and lots of good humour and this was further boosted by well-wishers driving past tooting or waving from their vehicles.

Thanks go to Mr Graham Ward for the use of his Gazebo and other equipment. Jennifer Russell for all her guidance and preparation and of course to all the core group members and other volunteers who turned out and worked hard for no other reason than to improve our local environment and our lovely village.

Next work session is scheduled for Thursday 14th April target is to clear the front section along Bolters Lane of ground Ivy and nettles and allow the established wild flowers to spread.

Brian Ransom

The Path that Doug cleared!



I stop Doug and make him take a breather!