

Summary

We started in pouring rain, which gradually eased during the morning. With a good turn-out we managed to accomplish a number of things. First, we did further whip inspections, continuing down the eastern side. A good many guards and canes were retrieved from well-established plants. Secondly we did further sycamore and Norway maple removal (saplings and small trees) on the eastern side near the fallen oak. Thirdly we repaired the broken gate at the Wheatcroft entrance, thanks to some preliminary work by David. We also installed our wildlife camera near the southern end, hoping to achieve glimpses of badger or other wildlife, and fixed the roof on nest box 34. In addition, we investigated the collapsed wire fence, to see to what extent it can be tidied up, and looked again into means of blocking the boundary gaps near the southern end. Once again some litter was removed.