

Summary

Yet again we enjoyed decent weather, thanks to being sheltered from the south-westerly wind. A number of regulars were absent (out of town or injured), but we still had a reasonable attendance and achieved quite a lot. Rod' grandson, Ed, was filming the work using his high-tech camera, and will produce an edited movie in due course.

The main task was further work removing excessive numbers of young Sycamore and Norway Maple, ranging from saplings that could be pulled out of the ground through to larger specimens that were approaching the limit for felling with hand tools. Stumps were treated with glyphosate plugs. We focused on the areas either side of the middle section of the eastern path.

Rod and Abi carried out further inspection of whips along the eastern boundary, cutting back encroaching vegetation and renewing or removing guards and canes as appropriate. David and Peggy (one of David's students) also repaired the steps outside the southern gate, bringing in soil of suitable consistency and tamping it down. Bill cleared a fallen Ash from near the south-eastern end of the main path. Finally, Bill and David worked out how to repair the Wheatcroft gate effectively and cheaply using materials that David has to hand, and hope to carry out the repair sometime during the coming weeks. As usual, we returned with a certain amount of litter collected from the wood.