

Working Party with Scouts

Extra Work Party 13th June 2011

The Friends of Sharphill Wood have forged good relationships with local Guides and Explorer Scout Troop. The Explorer Scout Troop offered to carry out some volunteering work, and this was arranged for 13th June.

A very lively and hardworking group of 32, both boys and girls turned up at 6 p.m. on a fine evening and headed for the woodchip pile at the south end of the main spinal path. The scouts were split into parties and rotated their duties over the three hours that we spent at work. Along with four Friends and three Troop leaders, we managed to apply a big load of woodchip to the paths on the western edge. To provide some light relief, Rich took some parties on a nature walk, answering questions, helping identify trees and providing information on the conservation work that is being done at present. Other parties set to, to make wooden stakes for use at the next full work party when we aim to repair broken path edging, and continue to edge the main path.

In addition there was the usual litter picking, which produced several bags of rubbish for disposal by RBC.

We had every intention of carrying out a bat walk when it got dark, but it never did, and we headed off home – there was also a slight injury to one of the party, and this needed attention.

The Scout Leader expressed gratitude. He said "...thank you all for making time to provide an activity on Monday. It is nice to see them giving something back for a change. As mentioned we would love to make this a regular event so if you can keep us in mind every year and keep a few jobs aside for when we visit that would be ideal."