

Summary

Yet again we had fine weather for today's work party, particularly where we were working, sheltered from the north-easterly wind. Also the paths had dried out considerably following a week or so of fairly dry weather.

The main task was plugging further gaps in the western boundary, some near the north end and some further down. We used the remainder of the second-hand posts to support deadhedging, and to fill the gaps there was plenty of dead wood lying around, in some cases the result of the winter's storms. In addition we coppiced a hazel to provide yet more material. Some wire was retrieved from the old dilapidated fence and stapled around some of the dead-hedging material to hold it in place. David distributed more stones to some of the muddier stretches of path and we brought down the usual quantity of litter and damaged guards.

The concerted effort over the winter has made a huge difference to the western boundary, and although there are still possible ways through, the worst gaps are plugged. The start of the bird nesting season dictates that we move to other tasks during the next few months.