

## Summary

Back to poor weather again! A party of 6 (including newcomer Fiona) climbed the hill with wheelbarrows and tools in gloomy, breezy conditions. The main task was to inspect and remove encroaching plants from around whips planted in recent winters. Many of these had been attended to at the previous work party, but growth of grass and wild flowers in the meantime had been considerable, so that some of the whips were quite hard to find. We started at the northern entrance and worked our way along the north side and a little way down the east side. Sadly a number of dead plants were found (mainly blackthorn), but many of the plants, particularly dog rose and wild privet, were thriving. A lot remains to be done at the next work party.

In addition, a repair was effected to the damaged gate at the Wheatcroft entrance, some grass was cleared around notices, and some litter was collected.

Some people had to leave at 13.00, and as rain had increased during the morning it was decided to conclude the work party then.