

BCV Annual Report 2011

Date. 2-1-11

Place. Craythorn Wood car park Rolleston-on-Dove

Task. Annual Walk

Volunteers. 16

Results. An excellent 10 mile walk organised by Richard again, taking in a number of BCV sites in the area. The weather had warmed up after the big freeze, but it did mean that a ploughed field in Tutbury was very muddy. We climbed up to Hanbury for lunch at the Cock Inn and then walked around the Fauld crater scene of the largest non nuclear explosion ever. Then back across country to the start.

Date. 9-1-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Prep hedge for laying

Volunteers. 6

Results. Just a small team on a lovely sunny day to prep the hedge ready for next week's work. An area cleared to ensure a clear run for a short section of fence to be erected in 2 weeks time. Brash and bramble was stacked ready for burning, next to the fire site 4 bags of litter were stacked ready for collection by others. The ditch was much wetter, so we will have to hope there is not much more rain before next week. The site is looking much better already and everyone is looking forward to seeing it completed.

Date. 15-1-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Lay hedge

Volunteers. 13

Results. A good start on the hedgelaying course with 5 new people signing up, to learn the basics of hedgelaying. It was a bit awkward having to break in at a couple of points, but we managed ok and there was time to do some staking and binding before the end.

The ditch had filled with water, so we had to lay from the car park side but the levels seemed to have stabilised. Richard and Victor prepped the section of shrub/hedge running at right angles to the main hedge, up to the pumping station and Martin sorted out the brash fire on an old concrete bench base.

Date. 16-1-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Lay hedge

Volunteers. 26

Results. A high turnout despite a poor weather forecast (that did not materialise). We continued with the sections prepared yesterday as fortunately the water levels had stabilised. The right hand section was completed and the area (more of a shrubbery) leading up to the pumping station was largely completed. The redundant fence was removed and this was later collected by allotment holders for recycling.

Date. 23-1-11

Place. Paget School Burton Road Branston

Task. Install supports and wires for cordons, espaliers etc

Volunteers. 19

Results. One team set out the area the posts were set at a mix of 1 and 2 metre spacings to suit fans and cordons (1m spacings) and espaliers (2m). We felt that having a mix on each block of the 3 posts and wires would be more interesting and visually effective than having 3 types in separate blocks. The trees were mulched, metal, concrete and general rubbish collected, so that it could be transported away. The end posts were braced and also reinforced with post mix prior to fixing and tensioning the wire.

Date. 30-1-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Prep Hedge for laying

Volunteers. 17

Results. A bits and pieces day, to keep the site looking tidy whilst work is in progress. Most of the fire site outside the wood had been cleared by Bladon House on Friday, but we had a good sweep and clear up around the area. Other brash was piled in a hollow between 2 sections of the hedge, as habitat piles. One team continued with binding the laid sections of the hedge whilst others dragged brash to the fire site. A further team headed to the back of the wood to finish crown lifting and remove tree tubes. As the grazier was moving his cattle, we turned cowpersons again, it was hard work getting them all corralled.

Date. 6-2-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Prep Hedge for laying and clear ditches

Volunteers. 19

Results. A warm but very windy day with another excellent turnout. We cleared the brash and dragged it to the fire site, to get people moving and keep warm in the wind. One team then stoned the kissing gate into the pasture at the high erosion point, others continued to prep the hedge and clear the drain ditch behind the hedge. Another group staked and bound the section leading to the pumping station and others set about opening up a channel through the water course, from the fence to the bridge, so a very busy site.

Date. 19-2-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Prep Hedge for laying and clear ditches

Volunteers. 5

Results. Just a small team to prepare for tomorrow. A long section of hedge and fence cleared ready for laying. Whilst showing Martin an area for crown lifting on Sunday I came across a number of hung up dead Alder, with no root left (8-10 metres tall), so we came back with tools and volunteers learned how to take down hung up trees safely and the paths were cleared and made safe. Tree officer alerted.

Date. 20-2-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Prep Hedge for laying and clear ditches

Volunteers. 24

Results. Another huge turnout, so a very busy day keeping everyone occupied. We set 2 teams on the hedge and another on the fire area, and a 3rd crown lifting along a path and a 4th team relocating some small trees near the old farm. We all came back together at lunch and a comprehensive clear up around the hedge was possible and an impressive amount of brash and bramble cleared and burnt. More clearance was done on the ditch. By the end of the day all the hedge was cleared, much of it was laid, but although we cut extra stakes from the hedge, we ran out of stakes and binders, hopefully next Sunday will provide what we need.

Date. 27-2-11

Place. Branston Water Park

Task. Dig out scrapes and coppice willow in the reed beds

Volunteers. 19

Results. One team started coppicing Willow and another started digging out the scrapes in the reed beds. Hard work, but a good sized area was dug over, removing the Phragmites rhizomes which were bagged for relocation to Fradley nature reserve next Saturday. The other teams produced and processed an impressive number of stakes and binders for Upper Mills and the Kingfisher Trail.

Date. 5-3-11

Place. Fradley Junction Nature Reserve, junction of the Trent & Mersey and Coventry canals

Task. Build and install reed rafts on the reservoir.

Volunteers. 9

Results. A tricky day with no instructions on how to assemble the 2 reed rafts, but we worked it out. Pete (BW) was able to explain they were to link together, so things fitted logically. We launched the boats from a low boardwalk opposite the bog area. It was a bit cramped assembling the 2 rafts and they did not link together too well as the design of the rafts suited individual anchoring. 3 extra mats were fitted to 3 existing rafts and a 4th raft found tangled in the trees on the bank was rescued and fitted with some of the reeds that we had brought down and to one of the anchored rafts. The rest was planted around the boardwalk and overhanging branches cut back to let some light in.

Date. 6-3-11

Place. Watson Street Car Park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Finish off hedgelaying and beat up and plant fruit trees, clear ditches.

Volunteers. 24 + 8 scouts + 2 leaders + Lou and 4 friends

Results. Another excellent turnout so a busy day. One team completed the hedgelaying, another finished staking and binding the hedge. We cleared most of the bramble and burnt off a lot of the brush. A group of Scouts from Blackfordby were there to do their woodland badges and they enjoyed a walk through the woods, a look at the hedgelaying and planted some of the whips in the hedge line plus fruit trees. Lou and a local family had some fruit trees, they planted behind the ditch. Approx. 350 mixed whips were planted and 30 mixed fruit trees, the last section of hedge was finished and a small hazel coppice was planted. Another team made a start on laying the scrubby hedge at the top of Watson St near the flood hump.

Date. 12-3-11

Place. Anslow Park Farm Main St. Anslow

Task. Plant native whips to 'beat up' and existing National Forest plantation

Volunteers. 2

Results. Only 2 of us, just one of those days when everyone is busy. We barrowed the trees up to the top of the path area and worked steadily. The soil was wet and sticky and the birch in particular had good fibrous roots, so needed pit planting rather than notch planting. We checked out the 2 'pasture Oaks' on the way for lunch, but they had barbed wire as well as timber guards, so we returned with a hammer to remove one of the slats. One root was a major job to remove, but we got both planted and the guards nailed back together. Most of the Hazel and ½ of the birch were planted. It was a shame not to finish the job but we had to load for the following day, the plug planter was left with the farmer for the bluebells.

Date. 13-3-11

Place. Brook Hollows Rolleston-on-Dove off 'The Lawns'

Task. Clear brook and general maintenance

Volunteers. 26

Results. Another excellent turnout, and on a day that started with drizzle and then turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. A mix of the big winch and the grappling hook worked to retrieve a life belt and plenty of wood. At lunch we were able to hand out a number of certificates to the 13 volunteers who passed their First Aid course this week. After lunch we removed even more large logs from between the spinney and the island, and had another team clearing the dead willow. We also cleared large areas of Snowberry and had a good cut back along the paths. A number of blockages were removed from the overflow ditch and finally a team cleared the area below the weir down to the bridge under the road. The water was generally flowing well through all parts and the surface scum washed away. Every effort was made to avoid trampling the spring flowers, inevitably some were damaged but they will grow again next year. The skip was filled with debris.

Date. 19-3-11

Place. Horninglow Linear Park /Kingfisher Trail, alongside 147 Horninglow Rd

Task. Assist with litter pick, weed BCV plantings and start path work.

Volunteers. 7 + 11 local

Results. A very hectic day with wood, wacca and tools to collect and Keith and tea stuff before 9.00am. Then organise CPO at BWP, then load tools, get back for the photo call at 10.00am then transport the Kingfisher gazebo etc to Horninglow Basin and then start off the BCV group! Stuart from British Waterways and I set out the step/path areas and one team started, before the Burton Mail and IFEES film crew arrived. 19 Bags of assorted rubbish and 2 supermarket trolleys, traffic cones and barriers taken to ESBC waste management depot. The Kingfisher team left at 12.30pm and left us lots of tea etc. Steady progress was made on 2 of the paths and steps ready for tomorrow.

Date. 20-3-11

Place. Dallow Lock, Burton upon Trent. Off Dallow St B-O-T

Task. Continue hedge maintenance and complete paths.

Volunteers. 16

Results. A bit of a squeeze getting everyone and 2 trailers into Dallow, but we were able to get teams working quite quickly. One on the Horninglow Basin to Eton section, one on the Dallow to Horninglow basin stretch and the others on the long path between Shobnall and Dallow. We generally had massive local positive feedback about the day's work and the trail in general. We did not get the path finished, but all sections close to existing paths where trip hazards might have been caused were levelled and paths were taped off until we can organise another day to finish off. 29 dumped tyres between Dallow and Horninglow were removed to the ESBC depot but there are more for next time! Yet another film crew this time part of the project wired recording of the Kingfisher Trail sculptures and the work being done.

Date. 2-4-11

Place. Dallow Lock, Burton upon Trent. Off Dallow St B-O-T

Task. Continue hedge maintenance and complete paths.

Volunteers. 6

Results. Not a bad turnout for the Saturday before Mother's Day. The stone was delivered at 8.30am, which threw my timetable out a bit. We concentrated on the paths between Dallow and Horninglow basin as Dave had worked on that one on the previous task day. A steady convoy of barrows of stone topped up the steps and we found the wacca fitted well in the wheelbarrow for transportation. Sue and Kyle made a good start of treating the Kingfishers at Shobnall with clear decking preservative and I was able to finish it off from the ladder. So a good day with one path completed and 2 large sculptures treated. It was an absolute treat to walk the trail and see the laid hedge coming into leaf and all the blossom (particularly the Prunus) coming out and the variety of birdsong, never mind the general surroundings. The warmth had also brought out loads of ladybirds and other insects including Brimstone and small tortoiseshell butterflies.

Date. 3-4-11

Place. Dallow Lock, Burton upon Trent. Off Dallow St B-O-T

Task. Continue hedge maintenance and complete paths.

Volunteers. 15

Results. A good turnout even though it was Mother's day. We got a team working on the Dallow / Shobnall path as Richard was delayed, the stone was of such poor quality with lots of large pieces that at lunch I had to go and buy some limestone chippings to help to bind it in. We got most of the barrowing done by lunch and we were able to send extra barrows up to the Eton section. A large section of hedge was weeded and suckers cut back. So all paths were completed, but the quality of the stone may mean a bit of patching later.

Date. 10-4-11

Place. Back of Lichfield Library

Task. Renovate Victorian Garden

Volunteers. 19 + 11 LGC

Results. An excellent turnout again and it was good to work with the Lichfield group again and to see the developments on the site since we were last here. Comprehensive weeding of the site, cutting back around the paths all the fallen leaves bagged etc. One trailer and car loads of cuttings etc. was taken to the tip and an area dug over for a special tree planting by the garden club. The new signage and sculptures etc. look very good and at the end of the day the site was looking great.

Date. 17-4-11

Place. Paget School Burton Rd Branston

Task. Espalier Structures, fertilise trees, remove debris.

Volunteers. 13

Results. We had a fine sunny day. Another 30m espalier/fan/cordon structure was erected and the 3rd structure started. 400+ fruit trees were fertilised with provided granules. Stones were removed to facilitate future mowing. 3 large reinforced concrete structures were demolished and a school orchard sign was moved into the compound to prevent vandalism.

Date. 23-4-11

Place. Watson St car park, back of Tesco

Task. Walk assessment

Volunteers. 6

Results. A fine day for the walk with lots of interest on the way. A few areas needed cutting back, but otherwise no new hazards. We marked the rabbit hole to the back of the gravel workings nr Walton. A good lunch at Barton Marina and then an uneventful walk back on the Trent and Mersey canal to Branston Water Park, back through Branston to look at the Paget orchard. A bit of cutting back near the Leicester Line Bridge and then back to Watson Street car park.

Date. 21-5-11

Place. Watson St car park, back of Tesco

Task. National Forest Festival Walk

Volunteers. 17

Results. An excellent turnout on a lovely day to walk. We followed last year's format, a steady walk stopping to look at the BCV jobs (no apples on the Joetting tree). Some walkers from Barton left us there; the rest had a good rest and refreshments, before we set off back along the Trent and Mersey canal to Branston Water Park & Burton. Everyone was very impressed with the Paget Orchard Project. A couple were a little footsore, but everyone made it ok. The N.F feedback forms were distributed and we had very positive feedback.

Date. 12-6-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Clear brambles and ditches around the hedgelaying area.

Volunteers. 14

Results. The area between the car park and the hedge was dug over and a large amount of bramble root was removed and the area was then raked over and wild flower seed mix was broadcast and raked in and laminated signs were installed to discourage people from walking or driving over the seeded area. Large broken Ash rear of Tesco was removed. Heavy rain was causing the tree branches to sag across the paths, so a team crown lifted and also removed dead branches where required. A large area of path between the entrance and interpretation boards was weeded. Early finish due to heavy rain.

Date. 3-7-11

Place. Paget School Burton Rd Branston

Task. General tidy up of the orchard and cut back hedge.

Volunteers. 15

Results. A good turnout for a bits and pieces day. Most of the long trench by the espalier cordon was back filled and levelled, the hedge was trimmed back and as this area is downwind of the school and traps all the litter a litter pick was carried out. A general tidy up, adjustment of any loose or damaged trees, left the site looking good for the impending official opening.

Date. 17-7-11

Place. Back of Lichfield Library.

Task. Renovate Victorian garden.

Volunteers. 4 + 10 LGC

Results. It was good to be involved in the event at Monks Walk with the BCV display. We arrived early and did a quick cut back, weed and litter pick of the area. It was very windy so some difficulty in setting up and maintaining the stalls, but it did not curb the enthusiasm or commitment to make the event the success that it was. We made a number of useful contacts and renewed old ones both among the stall holders and the visitors.

Date. 14-8-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Clear brambles on banks and clear Willow planting area.

Volunteers. 14

Results. A fine day, we are still desperate for rain as many of the whips and trees we planted are suffering. One team tidied the car park area and cleared some Himalayan Balsam; others cleared an area alongside the withy near the old farm ready for extending it when we take cuttings over the winter. Some bramble clearance and also cut back alongside the ramp from Watchmans Cottage to the Farm.

Date. 28-8-11

Place. Alongside the Canal Cottage Nursery Fosseway

Task. Clear brambles and scrub around the derelict lock.

Volunteers. 16 + 2 L&HCS

Results. A new and interesting site, but tricky to find. Two members of Lichfield & Hatherton Canal Soc. were there helping to open up the path through the gate. We got stuck in cutting back brambles nettles etc. along the line of the old canal and towpath, up to and alongside the old lock. A fire area was established just before the lock and a huge amount of brash was burned. A number of Sycamore and hawthorn were crown lifted and any small self set scrub was cut back. The hedge line all the way to the lock was cleared and opened up. The fire was allowed to burn down and left to tick over. We learned something new, that the ash was very good for stopping up leaks in brickwork along canals, so even the ash will be recycled.

Date. 4-9-11

Place. Broad Meadows Tamworth

Task. Meadow management

Volunteers. 15

Results. A bit damp under foot to start, due to the early rain. We took a wheelbarrow over, so I think an Allen Scythe should get to site. We cut our way across the site, but it is very tussocky and this makes the scythes either skim over or dig into the tussock, so we got just over half the site cut and raked. 6 quadrants cut close and scarified to see if germination improves, plus one area the tussocks were removed. The memorial plaque was cleared on the way back.

Date. 10-9-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Clear brambles and prepare planting pits at park entrances.

Volunteers. 2 + 15 DHL & ESCVS

Results. An excellent team from DHL logistics doing their first volunteering corporate day. They worked hard and sensibly all day especially the children, who kept going all day. Some of the areas were hard work due to the poor nature of the soil and amount of the rubble in the site (bring compost on the planting day). Planting pits were prepared and then loosely backfilled and a section of the desire line path parallel to Sherratts track cleared. All enjoyed the day and are keen to come back to plant the trees in October.

Date. 11-9-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Clear brambles and prepare planting pits at park entrances.

Volunteers. 18 + 1 YOS and supervisor

Results. A busy day to follow up the DHL session the previous day. We concentrated on the area close to watchman's cottage, cutting back and digging/backfilling the 25 planting pits for the fruit trees. The YOT Lad was an excellent worker once we got him going and left very positive. Once we were well on the way at Watchman's, we were able to send a team down to finish off the DHL area as well.

Date. 8-10-11

Place. Broome farm, Peterstowe, Herefordshire

Task. Lay hedge

Volunteers. 8

Results. We made a start on a mixed hedge, after excellent hospitality the night before. Tricky steep location, but a good challenge Lots of hazel coppice for stakes but most too big for binders. Good night out at Drybrook and lots of cider of course.

Date. 9-10-11

Place. Broome farm, Peterstowe, Herefordshire

Task. Lay hedge

Volunteers. 9

Results. An early start enabled us to finish the hedge, tidy the coppice and leave a few examples of a coppice bay, with forked sticks as sorting areas for binders and stakes and cordons for firewood as part of the 'Orchard Walk' runs past the laid section of hedge. Again excellent hospitality and presentation packs of cider for the volunteers to take home.

Date. 16-10-11

Place. Branston Water Park.

Task. Assist with Apple day and lay the hedge by the underpass

Volunteers. 19 BCV + 7 CPO + 1 Supervisor

Results. A hectic day, we got the apple press set up and the area organised for the apple day, whilst that team was waiting for the noon start, another team made a start on the hedge by the underpass. The CPO team had previously cleared the hedge so the team were able to get on quickly with the actual laying although there is not a lot of hedge left to lay. A couple of the volunteers coppiced some of the Willow for the binders and yet another group continued to clear and open up the new 'maze' adjacent to the hedge and to create a couple of blind alleys. The apple day was busy most of the time and the apples were all used up and we had lots of positive feedback. The CPO team joined us for a display on hedge laying for the last half hour and were very appreciative.

Date. 23-10-11

Place. Ironstone rd Chasewater.

Task. Heathland restoration and scrub clearance.

Volunteers. 16 BCV + 6 local

Results. A good day, despite me getting lost and arriving late. One team cut back regrowth in the heath area and another moved down the bottom end of the site and set up a new circular brash pile approx. 3 M diameter and with woven sides, using the arisings from the scrub clearance. A third team made a good start on clearing a nearby hedgeline ready for future laying. The path into the site was opened up to encourage walkers to walk along the woodland edge, rather than through the heath, so the heath can re-establish without trampling.

A number of dangerous trip hazard stumps were grubbed up just for good measure.

Date. 29-10-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Plant fruit trees and install tree guards.

Volunteers. 3 + 7 DHL

Results. A disappointing turn out by DHL, but those that came were keen to get the trees planted.

Thanks to the prep work on the first day we had all the trees in by lunch and cut and installed geotextile mulch mats. A few stopped after lunch so we could install the first of the tree guards in the grazing areas so at least we have some done as an example to the volunteers on Sunday.

Date. 30-10-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Plant fruit trees and install tree guards.

Volunteers. 21

Results. Another hectic day with 21 people on site and 2 trailers to move. We set up one team cutting the rails to size another setting out and building the cattle guards, then moved the rest to Watchman's cottage to plant the remaining 25 fruit trees. We soon got the trees planted, but there seems to be a hard pan not far down so driving the posts in was hard work. We set out and constructed a few but due to the difficulty of getting the posts in and lack of volunteers we concentrated on the fruit tree guards and got more than 60% done on the day. We will need to organise removing the surplus stakes and rails until we can finish the job. As it was MAD day and we were planting fruit trees, we had the traditional pumpkin soups, apple tarts and pies.

Date. 31-10-11

Place. Watson St car park, rear of Tesco Burton

Task. Plant fruit trees and install tree guards.

Volunteers. 3

Results. We made sure no one else was waiting, and then Kieron carried on nailing up the apple tree cattle guards whilst Sue and I cut the rails and transported them over to Kieron. We loaded half of the stakes onto the trailer to drop them at the allotment for safe keeping, but the light was getting too bad to pick up the rest. I will try to organise a contractor to install the posts in time for the Black poplar planting.

Date. 5-11-11

Place. Christian Fields Lichfield

Task. Lay hedges around the entrance and car park

Volunteers. 5 + 10 local

Results. Lots of laying and clearing done and only one bag of litter off the site, so hopefully the locals are getting to respect the area.

Date. 6-11-11

Place. Yoxall Lodge off Scotch Hills.

Task. Open up paths and clear Rhododendron and Laurel

Volunteers. 21

Results. An excellent turnout, but a hectic start organising lifts as Stuart's car had broken down and 9 people needed lifts. We got stuck in to clearing around the Rhododendron, Laurel and Elders, but left all the tagged trees including the mock orange. Having Richard with the chain saw was a help, even if it made for a noisy day. We burnt a large amount of arisings. An excellent lunch of soup, unlimited hotdogs and 3 home made cakes all provided by Sue, so hard work getting the volunteers back to work. Most of the site was cleared, the stumps were left to re-grow in a controlled manner.

Date. 12-11-11

Place. Upper Mills Farm

Task. Install rabbit guards

Volunteers. 3

Results. Just 3 of us to carry out an essential bit of the job. We worked out a way to quickly make and install rabbit guards using chicken wire and sticks cut on site.

Date. 13-11-11

Place. Tower Woods

Task. Woodland management

Volunteers. 19

Results. An excellent start made on pruning the numerous badly neglected fruit trees, with Lynn showing volunteers the ropes. Other teams coppiced alongside the paths and broke through the hedges to create links to the main paths and made a start on the steps required.

Date. 17-11-11

Place. Upper Mills Farm

Task. Continue the 'Reap What You Sow' project

Volunteers. 3

Results. Just a small group to assist a contractor with a tractor mounted post driver. We marked the post positions and transported the posts to the sites to keep the tractor moving efficiently. We then nailed on as many of the rails to the posts as possible, leaving one side open for ease of planting.

Date. 20-11-11

Place. Tower Woods

Task. Woodland management

Volunteers. 19

Results. We continued pruning the fruit trees, finished off the steps and split some hazel for the hurdles, but due to problems with the client, we did not have any whips to plant behind the hurdles, so were unable to finish until some days later.

Date. 27-11-11

Place. Upper Mills Farm

Task. Complete 'Reap What You Sow' project

Volunteers. 20 BCV + 19 local inc. local MP and Mayor

Results. A hectic but rewarding day, with different teams planting the Black poplars, building cattle proof tree guards, making rabbit guards and all the logistics to back this. Back to the car park for the official unveiling of 2 of the 6 new interpretation boards giving the history of the site. We continued with the work after a wassail as a bit of light relief as an apple tree was planted.

Date. 28-11-11

Place. Upper Mills Farm

Task. Fit rails to posts to protect trees planted the day before

Volunteers. 4

Results. Just a few of us as it was a weekday. We soon got a good rhythm going, 2 cutting, 1 carrying cut rails and 1 nailing. A productive day and it enabled us to estimate time required for the rest of the job.

Date. 11-12-11

Place. Branston Water Park

Task. Coppice Willow

Volunteers. 18

Results. A good area of reed bed was coppiced to control invasive willow, but much of the product was poor quality and was staked on a higher drier area as habitat piles and grass snake incubators.

Date. 12-11-11

Place. Upper Mills

Task. Install rabbit guards

Volunteers. 3

Results. Nice to have a relaxing work day with only 3 vols. on site to make and fit rabbit guards to the recent plantings.

Date. 18-12-11

Place. Poole House Vets Alrewas

Task. Refresh Willow screen

Volunteers. 17

Results. We were refreshing a BCV living willow screen that had suffered due to the exceptionally dry year. All dead material was removed to the firewood pile and the new Willow was planted in, all growing willow was pruned and trimmings used as cuttings planted within the screen. All new and existing willow woven together to give extra strength and interest to the structure.

