

#### DRAGON WOOD REPORT 2025/2026

Starting in November 2025 one of the biggest tasks was the coppicing of Hazel's on the banks of the bridleway, and also further coppicing at the northern end . This took four consecutive Saturday mornings. The wood from these was used to stake and top up the dead hedges, and a further six sessions to complete the dead hedges. In the car-park area work to remove Brambles and Clematis was carried out. The banks surrounding the car-park and drive were brush-cut and raked off. At the bottom end of the bridleway the regrowth on the banks was cut and cleared by using hand tools, and the dead hedge here was also topped up, The annual job of pollarding the Willow at the bottom of the drive was done. Since the work had finished another Ash tree which was infected with Ash-die-back had fallen and snagged up on other trees. This fell in the centre area away from the footpath into the wood, and so is not a danger to the public. In May 2025 a Rowan tree was planted overlooking the car-park in memory of Mrs Stevenson who used to regularly walk this area, As always thanks go out to the other volunteers who make it possible to complete all the tasks, Namely Anne, Nigel, Dave, Paul, Dave, Ted, and Kevin.

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