

Marlot Conservation Group (MCG)

Work report to Whixall Parish Council meeting 13 March 2024

Reporting Period 13 Feb – 11 Mar 2024

A short report for this period. Work has continued on the front and back meadows in preparation for the spring period. We have carried out further brush-cutting on both meadows and a further closer trim of the grass has also been done to encourage growth of wildflowers in both areas. We have also continued to dig out the willow in the front meadow.

We are now being restricted in our work due to availability of MCG volunteers. We are averaging 2 volunteers a session now due to absences and other commitments. This has been compounded by myself now being out for several months due to having had surgery on my foot. Work will carry on as and when – there is still enough work to be conducted in an around the meadows and woodland. Work in the pond area is in abeyance until the culvert/bridge/flooding issue has been resolved and it is safe to work in this area. We hope that work will start soon so as not to aggravate the problem further.

I have also had to cancel a talk about the Marlot to Ellesmere Shropshire Wildlife Trust members in early April due to my current situation; this has been rearranged for a later date.

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11 March 2024