

Report of the WCV Tasks 20th March 2005

“Scrub clearance and view opening up”

Attending: BG,CM,RW,MW,CS,JS,MS,IS,MB

The purpose of today’s task was to make a start on some scrub clearance work with the aim of opening up the view west from the old railway line over open fields towards one of the war time pill boxes. The area worked was grid ref SU481340 on path number 502.

Five willing volunteers (and Rosie) met at the top of Hook Pit Farm lane at 14:00. After gathering tools etc we made our way to the task area. After a quick safety briefing and a description of the aims of the task everyone got stuck in. Becky and Connie formed a splinter group and continued with ongoing task of trying to remove all the litter from the railway line.

We were joined shortly after by the Smith family. Good progress was made clearing brambles and hawthorn bushes that were obscuring the view.

The work proceeded well for about two hours and after a good tidy up looked much better.

The litter pickers returned with four bags of rubbish – including a huge number of spent shot gun cartridges which appear to be being dumped periodically along the railway line. The path was not as busy as one would expect on a sunny Sunday afternoon but we were passed by one group of walkers and one group of cyclists.

It was decided that this would make another good place for a “rail-way sleeper” type bench, the construction of which would make a good summer task.

Many thanks for your hard work to all involved .

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