

Path 502
Glade clearance
Sunday 17th February 2008

Eight people and two dogs met at the vet's near Worthy Down Camp. After the safety briefing and sign-in we walked along to the bridge and up on to Path 502 where we split into two groups.

The larger group (Martin, Sue, Jon, three Eacotts and Salty and Skelter) set to work creating a new glade. We spent a happy couple of hours cutting down trees and scrub on one side of the path and making dead hedges at either end of the glade, as well as swinging on long trails of ancient ivy (though not quite as impressively as Tarzan!)

Some members of the group used mattocks to dig up old stumps and produced some impressive sparks hitting the flints in the ground. There should now be enough light and space for some other more fragile plants to grow, although by the time we finished the sun was going down and it was hard to tell the difference! In Bruce's absence, Nick (as youngest and task leader) became the butt of most of the jokes – especially after he fell over when a tough bit of ivy finally gave way!



The smaller group, consisting of Michael and Maureen, were strimming, raking and re-seeding previously cleared areas. We didn't see much of them, but we heard the strimmer from time to time, and could see the results of their work as we walked back along the path at the end of the afternoon.

Clare Eacott

Future WCV activities:

Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm – Meeting, Kings Worthy Community Centre

Sunday 16th March 1.30pm – Kings Worthy Primary School

Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm – Meeting, Kings Worthy Community Centre

Sunday 20th April 1.30pm – Worthy Down Halt