

Worthys Conservation Volunteers – July 2005 Task Report

A group of 10 adults and 4 children met at the Kings Worthy Primary School to carry out clearance work along their entrance drive.

The task that afternoon included removal of self sown saplings and unwanted weedgrowth in an area dominated by yew and beech trees. The understorey contains ornamentals such as snowberry (*Symphoricarpos*) but this had been partly removed by statutory undertakers and not replaced. There is scope for the school to replant along here but in the meantime weedgrowth was rife and in need of removal.



The team set to work enthusiastically including 2 Scouts and their leader who successfully felled some large self set sycamores and elders.

In about 2 hours this much used area of the site had been restored and space preserved for yellow meillot and teasel to remain.

A tour of the remainder of the school grounds gave the group the opportunity to see some of the potential for future workparties which might be undertaken alongside parents. Hinton House grounds in particular with its ponds and woodlands need considerable ongoing maintenance.



Another task might be arranged here in the winter months once the school has developed its Grounds Action Plan (to be prepared in the Autumn Term) with the Schools Landscape Programme.