

**Kings Worthy Primary School
Clearing the Pond Enclosure
Sunday 15th July 2007**



A small group of 7 volunteers led by Charlotte Smith met at Kings Worthy Primary School on Sunday 15th July. Our aim was to extend the cleared area around the ponds in Hinton House grounds, giving more access for outdoor lessons.

The area was very overgrown with thistles, brambles, bindweed, nettles and long grasses. These were cut down to ground level (although work paused for 15 minutes while we sheltered from a torrential downpour!) and a membrane was laid over the ground to restrict re-growth. The membrane was then covered by bark chippings.

A survey of bird and bat boxes positioned around the school site was also carried out, with some of the boxes showing signs of use during the last year.



In September and October WCV will be working in Headbourne Worthy, repairing the footpath between St Swithun's church and School Lane, which has been eroded by rain water running off the road. We are also hoping to be able to clear fallen trees and branches in the churchyard, as well as cleaning out bird-boxes and cutting back growth around cleared sites along the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton railway line.

If you are interested in joining some of our activities or finding out more about WCV please contact Nick Eacott (884870) or have a look at our website.

Weather: Cloudy and humid, one thunderstorm! 18°C. *Nick Eacott*