

**Kings Worthy, Path 502
Worthy Down Halt – Platform and Viewpoint Clearance
Sunday 21st April 2007**



**Worthy's
Conservation
Volunteers**

Aims of the task were to:

- clear the platform of mainly bramble and dogwood, restoring the look and feel of the platform and creating habitat for wildflowers;
- create a second viewpoint eastwards to Stoke Charity Road.

Task report:

A group of 14 adults and 2 children spilt up into two teams working separately on the given tasks. The platform has been unattended for many years and indeed almost unrecognisable with little evidence remaining of its former life as a railway halt.



Before: platform almost completely obscured.



Tackling a large tree branch.



Horse encounter – sorry, no apples!

The first team undertook to tackle scrub and small trees on the platform, removing roots as much as possible. Meanwhile, the second team worked on clearing more scrub and low branches from the embankment to create a new viewpoint half way down the platform, opposite the brick hut.



After: cleared platform now suitable for wildflowers.



Volunteers and hounds!

Altogether the afternoon saw a very satisfying transformation of the platform and creation of the new viewpoint. Weather: sunny and warm, 15°C. Task Leaders: Bruce Graham and Nick Eacott.

Bruce Graham