

**Kings Worthy, Path 502  
Worthy Down Halt – Wild Liquorice Habitat Improvement  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007**



**Worthy's  
Conservation  
Volunteers**

The main aim of the task of the day was to improve and protect the area where several wild liquorice plants have become established, but are in danger due to overshadowing bramble and scrub.

The status of the area is of significant importance as being the only wild liquorice site in Hampshire.

The group of 6 worked around the raised brick base that was the old station workmen's huts, as well as areas either side of the footpath.

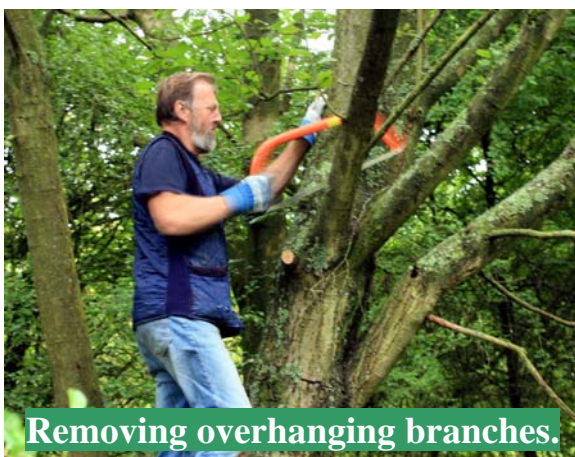
Our other job was to discourage motor-bikers from tearing up the ground, damaging this sensitive site.



Michael (who was unable to make it on the afternoon) had previously surveyed the area and found three sites all in close proximity containing about 15 plants.



We set about felling a number of ash and other small trees, removing dog wood, privet and bramble, leaving just a few silver birches. This will allow the wild liquorice to better flourish and spread with the added sunlight. Maureen went about meticulously digging up undesirable weeds'.



We also removed a number of over hanging branches of willow and ash, again to allow more light into the area; stashing all unwanted scrub along the side of the path to make a dead-hedge, fencing off the sensitive areas from the motor-cyclists.

Weather: overcast with drizzly rain, 18°C. *Bruce Graham* – Task Leader.