Annual report on work at Townsend Way 2018

We have had a busy end of year clearing leggy scrub and diseased straggly trees from the Townsend Way side of the old copse. Changing the working days to Thursdays and increasing time spent down at the woodland has enabled us to clear about half an acre and expose the woodland floor to sunshine for possibly the first time in decades. Hopefully this will encourage some long dormant flora to sprout.

We have planted to hazel whips for active coppicing in the future. As this matures, we can move towards clearing the rest of the old copse to make more coppice.

We have constructed some basic bodging tools constructed which will facilitate spindle/bowl turning and cleaving.

Next year (Providing Malvern Hills Trust (MHT) gets the grants it has applied for), should see some new bridge work and benches along with information boards along the pathways.

We will be needing to purchase some new bill hooks/slashers for coppicing work but this is not urgent and some time in the new year will be adequate.

There will be some working parties shared with MHT which will give other people the opportunity to see what we do.

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