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After the successful AGM held in the Woodland in June 2018, an ambitious work-plan was developed for the site to make it public's gateway to MCF and its activities. The vandalism including fire-setting and rubbish dumping in the summer of 2017 returned with a vengeance in the summer of 2018, with rock-throwing into the car-park and down the concrete stairs, destroying the gravel path and burning a large hole in the exercise platform. The exercise platform was removed, and larger stones cleared, for safety, and the vandalism came to an end.

In a meeting with the Prospect Medical Centre in September, it was agreed that David Jago would arrange for the cobbles already gathered up and the metal fencing already taken down would be offered for architectural salvage and a skip provided for stones and rocks that were unsellable. Any profits from the sale would be given to MCF. We felt we would be unable to build any further structures or leave anything of value on-site, which would prove challenging in offering the Green Gym service until a solution had been found to the vandalism. In the discussion it became clear that there was little likelihood of the medical practices socially prescribing woodland activities in the near future.

Clearing the glade area has continued, and various repairs carried out, but the skip has not materialised and the stones and fencing not removed. This spring, littering and vandalism recommenced. Our current plan is to keep the area as a native woodland and wild flower glade, whilst continuing to clear the glade of obstacles, whilst considering alternative approaches.

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