

## Townsend Way Community wood report.

As I write this, the woodland paths are being upgraded to a crushed stone surface which should make the woodland accessible the whole year through and especially in wet weather which usually turns the paths into a slippery mud obstacle course. A new bridge has also been installed at Tail End wood (The wooded compartment on North End Lane opposite the farm and stables). This now links the entire woodland together and you no longer have to exit into a fast road to access the rest of the woodland.

All of the above were funded from a grant which Malvern Hills Trust (MHT) were able to secure last year.

We are cutting several small paths into the various compartments for access to litter picking and maintenance, and one is being developed into a tree ID trail. The entry and exit points will be assigned a what3words /// address with the various tree species being identified en route.

There will also be benches and information boards provided at strategic points along the route.

MCF have begun to mow the Memorial meadow with scythes, the aim of this is to prevent the tree roots becoming compacted by machinery and to keep traditional skills alive for future generations to enjoy.

We have been able to do limited work during the pandemic but we are making headway and this gem of a community woodland should be fully accessible on foot very soon. Our thanks to MHT for their continuing support and cooperation in getting the improvements done to a very high standard.

Dave Munday,

Townsend Way Community Wood Lead and MCF Vice Chair