

Mockett's Wood update 18-07-25:



Yet more dead hedging upgrades & improvements along the first circular path in the last few weeks.

The large new central section created by the SAGA volunteer team has been updated with more posts & branches & is nearly complete. This will be used to protect an area under 2 large chestnut trees which will be re-planted with native shade tolerant flowers in the near future.

New species observed included some glistening ink caps [*coprinellus micaceus*] & lots of flowering / fruiting lords & ladies [*arum italicum*].

We also took delivery of a new 110 litre water bowser to help with watering new trees & plants in the woods.



On a less positive note – there has been a spate of fire lighting in the woods recently which culminated in the fire brigade attending.

We have also had issues with fence posts being removed from new sections of dead hedging.

This has meant more time & money spent repairing & improving existing dead heading to make it more tamper proof. This will be ongoing for the next 2 – 3 weeks.

Hopefully this spate of rather unhelpful behaviour will recede soon & allow us to return to improving the woods, creating new paths & returning areas to nature.

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