

Gallowsfield Wood

During the past year the regular working group have accomplished a programme of thinning out the hazel and cutting down unwanted trees and finished the hedge laying. We have also lost 2 trees during the high winds but have planted 5 new Pear trees 2 of which were for the Gift of Life. The working group have grown over the past year and with Richard and Johnathan on the chain saws the cutting is easier.

Regular cutting and conservation cuts keeps the grass and flower meadow in good condition. It has been extremely wet this winter and we have had one or two patches on the rides where it has been very muddy. There is still the problem of dog poo being left and the toilet door has been broken a few times.

David Evens has taken over the admin. from Heidi of Wildplay. Wildplay have taken a break from using the wood for personal reasons, but it is hoped that they will be back. Forest School are still using the wood but Haughley School have stopped using the facilities as they have lost the use of the mini bus for transportation.

With extra light coming in the wood is really looking good but this is one project where you cannot sit back on your laurels as there are always jobs to be done.