

# Worthies Conservation Volunteers

## Report of the task of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004

### Telegraph Post Clearance

#### Volunteers Present

Bruce Graham, Task Leader  
Connie Martyn  
Jonathan Smith  
Charlotte Smith  
Morgan Smith  
Imogen Smith  
Clare Eacott, plus partner

#### Task Description

The objective of the task was to expose a telegraph post that had been spotted on a previous visit to the site as an artefact of the railway line that once ran through Broadview. The post situated two-thirds down the Lower Broadview North strip is the only evidence of the railway on the site.

Before work had started the telegraph post was almost completely obscured from sight by hedgerow vegetation, and more specifically ivy that had found a convenient and strong host on which to develop as a flourishing plant. Only by the keen eye of young Morgan had the post been noticed in the first instance.

A great deal of undergrowth and dead wood was removed, including bramble, a small hawthorn, privet and ivy. The ivy having established a strong position on the post growing to the top was the most difficult to overcome. A short ladder was obtained for this purpose, but unfortunately the top half of the post still could not be reached and the ivy at the top had to be left albeit cut half-way up. It was considered that the dead ivy would later present itself as an easier task to remove on a subsequent visit but this time with a longer ladder.



Cut down vegetation of which there was quite a significant amount was scattered along the length of the hedgerow at the back. It was deemed impractical and indeed unnecessary to dispose of this using plastic bags.

The task took most of the session with a short break for refreshments.

A variety of tools were used, some more useful than others, including a bow saw, lopper, pruners, and long-handled sickle-like instrument. Gloves were mostly worn.

Thanks to all participants.