

**Kings Worthy Primary School
New Secondary Woodland Path
Sunday 17th September, 2006**



Present: Charlotte Smith (leader), Jonathan, Morgan and Imogen Smith, Margaret and Nick Eacott, Bruce and David Graham, Martin and Ruby Brown, Lizzie Laird and Hilary and Bethany Jenkins.

Tasks: to create a secondary path through the woodland area and to thin other parts of Hinton House grounds.

The one parent volunteer took on the challenge of the Reception classes' garden and cleared their vegetable/herb beds with the help of her daughter.

Meanwhile the WCVers took charge of trail blazing through the woodland to create a new path for nature study purposes. The wider path created last autumn is now regularly used for cross country training. This new one it is hoped, will encourage wider use of the area for science, literacy etc.

In the course of the afternoon, the clearance in one area in particular lent itself to creating an "outdoor classroom" area. So a glade was made and then partly enclosed by dead hedging, to deter casual overrun of the area. The intention is to find some large logs to act as seats for a class to use.

Having completed the new path route, the volunteers began to tackle the thinning of another part of the woodland. Here mixed species included hazel, hawthorn and sycamore amongst some beech trees. The aim was to clear some of the seedling sycamore and any dead/dying plants in order to leave more space for the remainder to grow more fully.

Since the task day, more mulch has been delivered to site by the parent tree-surgeon and volunteers from The Grove are going to be asked if they'll spread it during their weekly visits to school. Large sections of tree trunk have also been requested from the same source!

In the week after the task the Reception classes were out in the grounds exploring the area for their science topic and mention has been made in the School Profile of WCV's involvement (view it at www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk)

Many thanks to all who contributed to another successful afternoon including Jonathan for manning the bonfire!