

WCV at Kings Worthy Primary School

Report on the conservation task of 19th February 2006

The group met to assist the school with the implementation of further work in their grounds some of which was being driven by the School Travel Plan.

A number of different activities took place including

- coppicing shrubs at the front of the site.
- crown lifting a yew tree
- pruning and clearing scrub from a seating area
- preparing planting holes for a new hedge
- constructing bird boxes.

On this occasion we were joined by a small number of parents, a teacher and a parent governor. The weather was not conducive to attracting many additional supporters – quite a downpour!

Progress was good and after over 3 hours the majority of the work was complete. The large quantity of cut material was left in the Hinton House grounds to burn at a later date.

As a result of the afternoon:

- views into the school have been opened up to improve security and visual access
- the yew tree can be used as a shaded seating space in summer;
- the existing seating area will be enlarged
- the new hedge was ready for planting the following Thursday.
- 2 bird boxes are now in place awaiting new occupants!

The hedge planting took place soon afterwards with all 290+ children taking it in turns to plant a sapling, place on a spiral guard and attach a laminated and decorated name label. Despite another day of difficult weather conditions (this time snow and rain!) the work was completed on time and the response from the children was great enthusiasm.

