

**Kings Worthy, Path 502
Worthy Down Halt Scrub Clearance
Sunday 18th June, 2006**



We met at our accustomed spot at the end of Upper Hookpit Farm Lane near the vet's surgery. About 14 members turned up at 1-30 pm in reasonable weather, with sunny periods and warm temperatures. Two new members, attracted by a recent guided walk for the Local History Group, joined us and expressed their wish to get stuck in.

The members broke into two groups, one led by Bruce went off to the oak benches to install the brass plates and to make an attempt to clear graffiti. Bruce is reporting separately but I understand that the paint was successfully removed and the plates attached satisfactorily.



The larger group, led by Michael Edwards went down to the Halt and commenced the work of clearing scrub from around the impressive groups of Helleborines and Wild Liquorice. A very considerable amount of material was removed and the conditions generally lightened for the subject plants. The work was conducted in such a manner as to leave a neat "untouched" appearance.

All the material was carefully arranged into a "dead-hedge" designed to discourage riders of miniature motorbikes from

making detours into and around a sensitive area of the station.

The work was completed a little earlier than usual and whilst some members retired home several walked down the track, initially to examine the bench-party's work but stopping off at the Camp Bridge to admire the plants which have appeared since the extensive scrub clearance there. It looked great!!

Task leader: Michael Edwards