

**Draft Maintenance Plan March- April 24 - for approval and action planning at TFWG Meeting 26 Feb 24**

Prepared by TFWG maintenance sub-group (JS, PM, CM) after site meeting 19 Feb 24

1. General - check recently planted saplings; straighten canes etc, remove/replace any dead ones.
2. Hedgerow edges - ensure 2 metre margin left when mowing started
3. Hedgerows - do not trim fields side this year
4. Area 2 and 3 - Flail bramble edges, avoiding saplings, then weed spray - as too much competition with newly planted trees, and trip hazard
5. Area 3 - Cut ivy back on trees where too prolific/endangering tree
6. Area 4 - pull alder saplings or where too much established cut and weed spray. Plant willows among alders to provide natural competition and aid biodiversity. Move some alder saplings to bank by steam
7. Area 6 Pond - to be discussed with CWT
8. Area 8 - Wild flower patch - last years attempts failed - very dry clay area - plant shrubs which are tolerant of dry conditions
9. Embankment opposite Mound - cut fallen tree and pile cuttings on bank as resource for wildlife
10. Area 7 - Flail bramble edges, then weed spray - as trip hazard
11. Grassland 1 - weather too wet to cut in autumn 2023 - leave and cut in autumn 2024 (anticipate will contain ragwort so not suitable for animal fodder)
12. Grassland 2 - weather too wet to cut in autumn 2023 - contains very little ragwort so could be pulled and then cut and baled for fodder no later than 10 July 24 as recommended by Natural England - the reason being the seeds will have dropped by then and it promotes wild flower and species development.