

Woodpecker Hill Group – Annual Report 2022-05-31

1. Chipper: It would be beneficial if we could source a cheap Woodchipper for village and wood use. Just to keep clear the fallen branches which cannot be used for log fires.

Chippings can be used by the Village for paths gardens etc.

2. Ash Trees. Backing onto rear gardens of Pear Tree Close and adjoining bungalow along Finborough Road. There are around 10 very tall Ash Trees. At the moment these are still solid but they should be taken down now before they cause damage to private property. The foliage is becoming sparse on these trees so they are gradually dying.

3. Extra signs for people to dispose on dog poop in bins provided.

4. A cheeky one here. Is it possible for the Parish Council to buy for me an electric trimmer (metal cutting blade not plastic) so that I can keep the brambles from taking over again

5. Bulbs which have been planted bloomed and it looks as if most of the saplings have taken. Which is good news so I don't think I will need to apply for more from the Woodland Trust this year.

6. The under 5s planted bulbs in two groups and made us a lovely card of thanks.

7. The Primary School did not participate this year. Invitation was emailed.

8. Drainage. Need to finish digging trench to take away excess water from path. At the moment I have only partially attempted drain off.

9. Continue cutting back hawthorn for more light. This will continue now in the autumn.

I will continue to purchase forest seeds and British woodland flowers for planting in autumn with the under fives.

A big thank you to the Gardening Club for purchasing lots of bulbs. Hopefully these should spread in future years.

Apart from keeping areas clear as possible that, I would say, is that for this year.