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### **Working Party 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

On another lovely day in November, we had a very productive working party tidying previously felled Ash trees and a few Oak from the area near the top of the path in the New Wood.

A large contingent of Quinn's (John and Anne with Alice and Liam, Violet and Imogen who were visiting for the weekend from the South coast) came and worked very hard.



Also, thanks to Dave Clapperton, Andy Moore, Sarah Rutherford and Stephen who all arrived and worked hard.

Stephen also attached a notice to the wildlife pond fence explaining why it is important that no-one introduces any fish into the pond and I saw a beautiful fungus on one of the previously cut branches on the floor of the wood.



**Katherine Hutchinson**

## **Fallen Tree**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Stephen and I were getting ready to prune our apple tree when Sue Johnson rang to say a tree was down over the entrance to Ivy Cottage at the entrance to Sadlers Wells Wood, so we went there instead!

When we arrived, the entrance was well blocked and as we looked more closely, we found it was a tree we have previously "Monopoled". This is a technique of cutting all the branches off a tree which is dying to leave only a 4 to 6 m tall stump, or monopole. This is supposed to make the tree safe so that it will not fall on nearby footpaths but is retained to allow diverse habitats such as insects for woodpeckers, a place for ivy to grow up, the dry rotting wood which allows for different moulds than the wet rotting wood on the forest floor etc.





This is however the second monopoled Larch which has fallen onto footpaths in strong winds over the last few years, thus reinforcing the suggestion on the noticeboard, reminding people that one should not walk in a wood in strong winds. It has made me realise that I must discuss this when a tree contractor next suggests monopoling a tree.

Clearly the priority was to allow access to Ivy Cottage so Stephen and I removed the ivy which revealed a trunk too large to cut with small domestic chainsaws. There was also a protruding portion of trunk which Phil Mayers was able to cut off with his small chainsaw. He is planning to take off some more tree rings to get the tree fully off both the vehicular access and the official PROW (Public Right of Way) footpath which runs along the Wood. This will require his larger chainsaw and will hopefully happen in the next couple of weeks.



The plan for the remaining trunk which fell into the forest is to leave it there, where it will continue to provide diverse habitats while rotting and provided fresh soil for possible new seeds and trees to grow up into the space in the canopy left when it died.

We are very grateful to Phil for coming out and offering to help, both on Friday with the protruding portion of trunk and for offering to cut back the full width trunk when his larger chainsaw and nephew are available.

**Katherine Hutchinson**

## **Friends of the Wood**

**The annual subscription remains a minimum of £5.00 per person and the 2024/2025 subscription becomes due on 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

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## Website; Latest News

Our website has now been incorporated into the Bunbury Village website.

Everything that was contained in the old website has been transferred across and you can view all relevant pages by going to

[www.bunburyvillage.info](http://www.bunburyvillage.info)

and then choosing Village Facilities and then Sadlers Wells Wood.

**Dave Clapperton**

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