

Report for Gallowfield Wood May 2023

The wood at moment is looking very healthy. Mid Suffolk have been carrying out cuts to the rides and the wild meadow have a conservation cut in the autumn. During this last year maintenance work has been carried out by a very good band of volunteers on a fortnightly basis where they have cleared saplings and after a training session with a hedge layer, have been laying the hedge in the far corner near the A14. A grant from the Locality Budget helped with the removal of diseased and broken trees which would have been a problem to the public.

Several new trees have been planted to improve the tree stock and a tree planted by the Knitting group from the proceeds of Haughley Open Gardens where the knitted flower display was on display at the church .

Wildplay continue to use the wood on a regular basis as do the Forest School. Haughley School will also be using the Wood on a weekly basis as part of their lessons starting the summer term.

Members of the public still make good use of the wood but like most other open places where dogs are walked we have problems with fouling and have now put up a sign at the entrance asking owners to keep dogs on leads so they can observe where their dogs are fouling so able to clear up after them.

The wild meadow is one place that is greatly effected which is a shame as the flowers and surroundings are spoilt with dog poo.

We think the bird feeders have been taken so are replacing them. We have had a squirrel cull again this year as it is getting quite a problem.

In all, the wood is in a very place and if they working group and the public look after it, it will only get better.