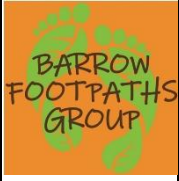


Task #	25 – 07	Date:	3 rd April	
Task:	Pigs Close Brambles			

Beautiful morning to be out and about looking after our green spaces. Today we had 9 volunteers down along Piets (Pigs) Close and 6 big bins to fill.

We started by clearing away a number of fairly large cut trees that had been left next to a copped area near the entrance to Mill Lane play park. Left as they were, they were just looked a bit of a mess, so we pulled them all out, cut them into smaller pieces and added them to a 'dead hedge' section that has been created nearby for dead branches and such like to rot down in the shade and create lovely habitat for bugs and small mammals.

We then started to cut back lots of bramble next to the paths that was already growing at an alarming pace. The aim today was to remove the older growth, lots of it brown and really tough to tackle. Plenty was left in place facing the water to maintain a 'safety' barrier and the stems that were cut down will soon be putting out fresh summer growth to provide cover and protection for birds, as well as fruit later in the year.

Working back along the path towards the entrance at Bridge St, all 6 bins were soon filled - all of it bramble, most of it old growth and super tough and spiky.

Thanks to Charnwood BC and Serco for the bins.



Great work this morning team: Philip, Jo, Patricia, Paula, Margaret, Andy, Bob, Rachel, and Trev



The dead hedge area



The copse - cleared of the addition dumped trees

Next Task:

Thursday 17th April 10:00

Meet: **Bottom of Melton Road to Breachfield Road Jitty**