

Task #	F26 – 08	Date:	16 th April 2026	
Area/ Task:	Buttermere Way to Strancliffe Lane - Hedgerow			

We planted the hedgerow along the footpath running from the top of Buttermere Way towards Strancliffe Lane back in December 2021. Since then, we have been back as a group at least once a year to keep the general weeds and bindweed down, to trim away any nettles or brambles growing too close and removing any competition for water and nutrients.

This is the first year we have needed to trim up the hedgerow trees themselves. That's in just over 4 years of growth - we are so pleased.

We had to trim the top off most of the trees, which should encourage growth lower down in the trees to make them bushier, and we trimmed the back of most of the trees too to maintain a gap between them and the fences of the nearby houses. We also removed most of the tree guards.

Our biggest job of the day though was to remove a "donation" of quite a few bags worth of garden waste which comprised of very spiky rose cuttings plus a huge amount of roots from what looked like bindweed - enough roots to almost fill one brown bin! There was also sods of grass and a fair bit of soil. We cleared that up and spread the soil along the back of the hedge - covering at least 8m of ground, ensuring it didn't touch the fence line and cause any issues for the neighbours.

All in all, a very satisfying group task. Thanks to Charnwood BC and Serco for supplying the bins.



Thanks to our team today, Anne, Terri, Steve, Patricia, Bob, Karen, Alistair and Trev



The donated garden waste cleared away, cleaned up, and spread.



Gap to the fence line



Hedgerow looking very healthy



Getting thicker each year



Section of nettles left behind the hedge

Next Task:

Thursday 30th April 10:00

Meet: **Riverside View Benches (weather dependent) / Alt The Moorings Jitty**