

Welcome to Foxburrow Wood



January 2014 – Rotary Club of Witney helping to plant trees

Welcome to our **September 2014 update** on Foxburrow Wood, the Wychwood Project's new woodland on the edge of Witney.

Planting completed

After 4 years we are nearing completion of the new woodland. 2013/2014 planting at Foxburrow Wood was completed with 3,500 trees and shrubs being planted during the season. This amounts to a total of **10,000** trees and shrubs planted so far all of which are growing well. A big thank you to all who came and helped plant and to those of you who helped so far raise funds through our '**Dedicate a tree**' scheme. However, **we still need your support** so please continue to make dedications for Foxburrow Wood to help care for recently planted saplings, path maintenance, management of wildflower planting, interpretation material, mowing of paths, trimming of hedges and organisation and running of community events and educational activities.



New entrance and Welcome Trail standing up well

The new entrance and Welcome Trail has been open for eighteen months now and is being well used by the local community and visitors to the area.

The entrance and Welcome Trail has a number of elements:

- A gated entrance from Foxburrow Lane.
- A small area of car parking.
- A surfaced track that leads towards the main body of the woodland.
- A separate dog walkers entrance / overflow car-park for use during events.
- A new pond / wetland scrape.
- New tree and shrub planting.
- Benches, signage and soil mounds that have been sown with wild-flowers to add interest.



Other developments

Now that the Welcome Trail has been completed we have been able to concentrate on the remaining planting and habitat improvement works. Additional new ponds have been created around the site with funds and advice from the Freshwater Habitats Trust. We are waiting to see how these settle over the coming year before considering adding plants in these areas.

Some visitors to Foxburrow may have enjoyed the chance to try the stepping stones across the stream at the bottom of the scrape - the children certainly do. However, this wasn't a good long-term solution to getting people across the stream, so a new footbridge was built using locally sourced timber. Particular thanks to WP volunteers Roy Noble, Trevor Townsend, Mick Mills who undertook much of the work designing and installing the new bridge.



Interpretation board at Foxburrow Wood



The new footbridge across the stream



A second footbridge has been made, to a more rustic and simpler design. This is located near the southern entrance gate.

Dedicate a Tree

Our Dedicate a Tree scheme is still going strong, with 531 people having dedicated **1542** trees raising **£16,708.46** for Foxburrow Wood.

Friends of Foxburrow Wood



We are exploring the possibility of setting up a Friends of Foxburrow Wood group. If you would be interested in being involved then please contact the office.

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