



Shadowbrook Woodland & Wildflower Meadow Walk



Hampton Conservation group

Spinney path maintenance.

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We're working in The Spinney, please feel free to pop along and see "Habitat".



Help needed!

ABOUT US

Hampton Conservation Group are local volunteers committed to maintaining the Spinney & other designated items and areas in Hampton in Arden.

The group meet up on alternate Wednesdays between September and March – with biodiversity being our focus, and ensuring people enjoy the wood as they walk through it.

Path maintenance takes place during Wednesday meets, and at other times throughout the year. Numerous village residents and local businesses help us.

We're supported by Hampton Parish Council (landowners), and by Organisations with help, and donations of logs, chippings and other needed equipment.



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PROBLEM

Background:

The village Spinney was originally part of the Forest of Arden, and dates to Saxon times. It has evolved over the years to its current form.

It hosts many old trees, wildflowers, crested newts, stag beetles, a carpet of bluebells (April/May), fungi and numerous habitat. Around the Spinney there are over 50 designated bird boxes, which consistently secure an annual +92% occupancy, as well, playing host to mice, hornets, woodlice and more.

The Spinney is a valuable source of biodiversity and enjoyed by many people who walk through it daily.

Spinney paths have deteriorated, particularly in the past 5/10 years. Not helped by a natural spring that flows (originating from Shadowbrook lane) through the Spinney, and pools of water mixed with bare soil, and footfall, have caused a progressive muddy problem.

Examples
of a
couple of
path area
'before'
work.



Why path maintenance is critical to a wood's health?



Here are just some reasons why:

- ✓ minimise mud and water holding on the paths
- ✓ help mitigate soil erosion on paths
- ✓ cover/protect tree roots from damage
- ✓ help encourage people stay on designated paths
- ✓ mitigate damage/crushing of plants aside of paths





Over the past 2 years, there's been progressive path improvements.

We are eager to progress with the work to all areas and be able to keep them maintained.

It's a mammoth task - your help would make a massive difference !

Can you help us in any way?

We're on Facebook - Hampton Conservation Group - please follow us.

A photograph of a forest floor. In the foreground, there is a dense carpet of green grass and numerous small, bell-shaped blue flowers (bluebells). To the left, a large, light-brown tree trunk with some peeling bark stands prominently. The background is filled with more trees and lush green foliage, creating a sense of a deep, sun-dappled forest.

Thank you