

Wood for Nature Trail steps

When restrictions were relaxed in early December, we collected some timber from the sawmill in Rosedale. This mill had taken an oak we had to fell a few years ago, and we had arranged several loads of timber in return. The timber is now in store, ready for construction to resume, when the weather improves.



Elms logs exchange

Some short, large diameter sections remained after the felling last month, and the firewood had been taken. The sawmill expressed an interest in this, so we have arranged to exchange the logs for some posts and rails for fencing. The exchange will take place as soon as ground conditions are suitable for his vehicle and trailer to drive on the paddock. Meanwhile the fence by the elm has not been reinstated, to allow access for the logs to be winched out.



Polytunnel repaired

Andy has recently repaired the polytunnel which had been damaged by the wind, a while ago. He has fitted OSB boards to each end, secured the cover to them, and installed a door. The wind should no longer be able to get into the tunnel and blow the cover off. The old dilapidated section of tunnel behind Jim's container is going to be emptied and dismantled, and the area will gradually be tidied up. Thanks for all your work on this, Andy.



Tennis court closed

After a brief period before and during Christmas when the court was open, the current restrictions mean that the tennis court has had to be closed again. We will open it as soon as play is allowed. Meanwhile the volunteers are continuing to maintain the court. If you would like to help with maintenance, please contact Mark at No 32 mark.lowry@lowryfamily.co.uk

Riverside path

Quite a long section of the riverside path has been under water recently, when the river rose after the heavy rain. We will check the path as soon as the water has receded, but we already know about two large tree stems which have fallen at the far end of the path. One has fallen across the path, and the other along the side of the path, narrowly missing the sign and seat. Jim and Peter plan to sort these out when the ground had dried.



Mower maintenance

Both the ride-on and walk-behind mowers have been away for service and repair. The ride-on has an intermittent issue of cutting out, which the company has failed to resolve, suspecting a faulty component which is apparently now obsolete. We are making further enquiries to try to resolve the problem.

Rotten gate post at sewage treatment works

Several months ago, Jim reported that one of the STW gate posts had rotted off at the ground, and was only being held up by the wire fence. We reported it, and subsequently chased the matter a couple of times, when nothing seemed to be happening. A new post has recently been fitted.

If you see anything broken like this, please let us know, or tell Jim, so we can sort it out.



Best wishes

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