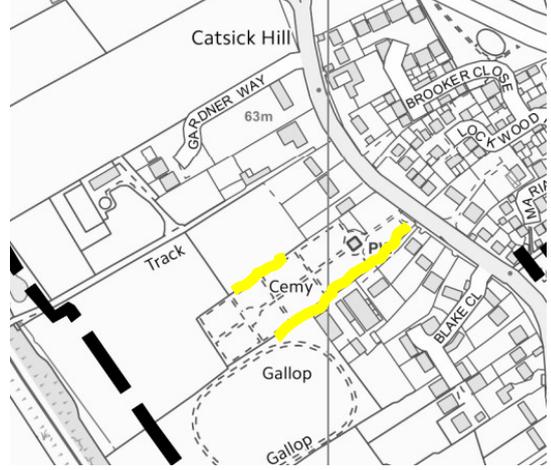


Task #	20-14	Date:	1 st Oct	Review Date:	Oct 21
	Meet:	Meet Cemetery Main gates			
	Summary:	Clear overgrown bramble, branches and Ivy along paths on either side of the cemetery			
	Volunteers:	9 split into 2 groups			
	Time:	10:00	12:00		
	Weather:	Warm and dry			

After a day of heavy rain the day before the task, it was so good to wake up to a dry and reasonably warm morning. We were asked by the Parish Council to trim back the hedges on the 2 outside paths around the cemetery. It was certainly overgrown!! Luckily we managed to order 6 brown bins for the day, but would they be enough?

The group split into two teams, one for each path, and made a start!



Sizable hedges to tackle for the team



Lots of path debris to clear too

There was a considerable part of the right hand side path completed blocked by the overgrowth, plus lots of Ivy and moss that also needed to be removed from along the paths. The team here did a fantastic job to cut it all back and re-open the path for everyone to use.

Lots of back breaking work involved with all the cutting and trimming. Unfortunately the timing of my appearance to take the photos doesn't really show how much work this involved - Thanks Linda, Andy and Martin.



Hedges really overgrown!



Nicely trimmed!

On the left hand side path the hedgerows were at least halfway across the paths making it almost impossible to use them but they were soon brought back into use. Bob, Colin and Pat were hard at it, cutting, hoeing, brushing, repeat... cutting, hoeing, brushing, repeat..... And it was not long before their first 3 bins were filled. Time for a lot of squashing down of the clippings to make room!

Mick was making his way down to tackle the dreaded brambles – but he was well prepared this week – wearing an impressive set of gauntlets! Those brambles were soon tamed!

Liz was busy doing a litter pick around the cemetery. Lots of blown plastic wrappers from floral tributes were found and it wasn't long before 2 big bags of litter were collected. It was really beginning to look a lot tidier!



Left hand path from the bottom - up



Right hand path from mid-way - down

All the bins were completely stuffed to the top at the end of the task, and more green waste was left on site to decompose. We will be back here for our next task to finish off the job by tackling the bottom hedgerow and finishing the bottom parts of both side paths.



Great job from a great team – Thanks everyone

Next Task :

Thursday **15th October** 10:00
Meet at the **Cemetery**, Cotes Road