

<b>Task #</b>	23 - 25	<b>Date:</b>	30 Nov 23	
<b>Meet:</b>	King George V Park			

Blue skies and a hard frost, with ice on the paths today but that didn't deter our volunteers who turned out in force for our double task at King George V Park today.

**First as a warm up !** We were really lucky to have received, very bright and early this morning, a lorry load of woodchip from Charnwood BC and Idverde. This has been used on the entrance area from Wycliffe Avn and the bigger planting area to help keep down weeds, form a frost protection barrier for younger and tender plants, and help improve the soil. The paths were all cleared before we moved on to the second task of the morning.

**Bramble clearance!** After carefully checking to ensure the area was not being used as a home for hedgehogs, we started to cut down and remove the overgrown brambles from along the path on the Thirlmere Road side of the park. Over the summer months these fast-growing brambles quickly start to encroach onto the path and need weekly cutting by volunteers. By cutting hard back now we are hoping to reduce the rate of growth so less maintenance is required, whilst also allowing the plant to produce enough fruits for local wildlife to enjoy.

We filled 9 brown bins with bramble brush - thanks Serco and Charnwood BC for supplying them.



Thanks to the team today:

Karen, Brian, Nick, Pat, Stewart, Bill, Andrew, Paul, Julie, Ian, Philip, Steve, Bob, Trev the trolley and Jasper the dog.

Special thanks to Alison for baking some wonderful cakes for us today - just what we needed

**Next Task:**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:00

Location: **Bridge Street Car Park area**