



FOPH Proposed Tasks for 2022/23 Work Season

Note: All numbering on this document references the attached map showing the location of each intended task.

1. Saplings need to be removed from this area so as to maintain the open habitat and allow the ground flora (such as heather) to grow (Light blue polygon).
2. Bramble has encroached on the heather in this area and needs to be hand pulled to prevent the bramble from suppressing the heather.
3. Bramble has also grown up amongst this area of heather and needs to be removed by hand to allow the heather to flourish.
4. Saplings need removing from this area to maintain the open habitat and allow the ground flora to flourish. *Note: It is intended to leave the occasional sapling in this area to grow to a reasonable size (approximately 3 years) to act as perch posts for birds. These would then be removed rotationally allowing others to grow up in their place before they could get too large.* (Yellow Polygon).
5. The bracken in this area needs an additional cut to allow the covered heather which is currently being suppressed a chance to thrive (Green Polygon).
6. The bracken in this area will likely need another cut before the end of the growth season to preserve access and allow the heather growth (Orange Polygon).
7. The annual ditch maintenance here will need to be continued. The vegetation needs to be cut back away from the ditch, the larger vegetation in the ditch needs to be removed and whilst the ditch is dry, the eastern end needs to be dug out to remove the large quantities of silt which are usually inaccessible.
8. The previously constructed deadhedge which runs along this ditch also needs some attention, with some stakes replaced for safety purposes (particularly towards the western end), and additional weaving materials where appropriate.
9. Saplings need to be removed from the eastern fairway to maintain the open habitat aesthetic of the area (Red Polygon).
10. The annual hand pulling of the bramble from among the heather will need to be completed again this year to prevent it from suppressing the heather.
11. The path through this copse needs cutting back to maintain access. Some small branches have also fallen and blocked this path which need to be removed.
12. Some of the heather in this area has died off due to the recent extreme heat, and some has grown old and become degenerate. This will need a gentle trim to encourage new growth as heather doesn't grow well from old wood (Pink Polygon).
13. Saplings need to be removed from this area to maintain the open habitat and prevent woodland creep (Purple Polygon).
14. The bramble has grown in amongst the heather here and needs to be removed. The bramble has also crept out from its original area and needs to be trimmed back to maintain the area's aesthetic and allow the other flora to prosper.
15. The ongoing aim to turn this area into a wildflower meadow requires this area to have another cut and any arisings removed (Dark Blue Polygon).
16. The temporary wooden barriers which were previously placed here by FoPH to allow the grass to grow are no longer required and have become rather scruffy, so these will be dismantled and removed.
17. The bramble has grown up amongst the heather here and needs to be removed. The gorse is also encroaching on the heather in places and could be lightly trimmed back to the copse.
18. The bramble has expanded out of the copse again and needs to be cut back using the mower to maintain the aesthetic of the area around music hill, as well as to prevent the bramble from creeping and suppressing the heather.
19. The bracken has grown up in this area and needs to be cut back to the copse line to allow the heather to grow.
20. The path here has become overgrown and access to the bridge is difficult. The vegetation will be cut back allowing better access to the path and bridge over the ditch.
21. The bracken here has grown and needs to be cut to allow the heather to grow and allow better access to the area.
22. The path here to the east has become overgrown and is inaccessible. The vegetation will be cut to allow the use of this path again.