



FOPH Proposed Tasks for 2020/21 Work Season

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

1. Sapling removal needs to be carried out to maintain the open grassland habitat and prevent woodland incursion (blue polygon on map).
2. Bramble needs trimming here to prevent further spread and to protect and encourage the growth of the nearby heather.
3. Bramble needs to be cut away here to protect and encourage the heather.
4. Bracken needs to be cut here in order to maintain access and to prevent overshadowing of the heather clumps in the area (yellow polygon on map).
5. Bracken needs to be cut here to maintain access, prevent overshadowing of heather, and to maintain the best bit of heathland on the site (orange polygon on map).
6. The ditch needs clearing here to allow the flow of water. This includes a limited amount of digging out, and the removal of willow saplings which have grown up in the ditch.
7. Saplings need to be removed here to maintain the open habitat and prevent the woodland spread. Some of the smaller trees could also have lower limbs removed here to encourage the growth of wildflowers (pink polygon).
8. The broom and gorse here needs cutting down to improve the aesthetic of the area and to encourage regrowth, having previously been burnt in the fire of 2018.
9. Bramble here needs removing from the heather patches by hand to protect the heather, encourage growth and stop the spread of the bramble.
10. A birch tree needs removing from a bramble patch before it gets too large to dig out and begins to overshadow the area.
11. Saplings need clearing back to the woodland treeline here to prevent woodland encroachment and maintain the open habitat.
12. Bramble and saplings need clearing in this area to allow heather growth and to maintain the open habitat, as well as maintain the aesthetic of this area (purple polygon on map).
13. Bramble needs pulling up again in this area having been cleared last season so as to encourage heather growth.
14. Most saplings have already been cleared from this area in previous seasons, however some have managed to slip through and should be removed to maintain the habitat (green polygon on map).
15. Bramble here should be cleared away from the heather and back to the gorse line so as to encourage heather growth and maintain the open habitat.
16. Bramble should be cleared back to the treeline here to prevent woodland creeping out, to maintain the open habitat and to encourage heathland flora.
17. Bracken here needs clearing away from the heather, and there are a couple of single freestanding gorse plants which could be removed to maintain the line.
18. Having been cut last year, the bramble and gorse here needs to be lightly cut back again to keep it away from the heather and to keep access to the small bridge clear (lime green polygon).
19. Having been previously cut, the willow here has regrown and is leaning out slightly into the fairway and should be cut back again to maintain the treeline here.
20. The bracken on this hill needs cutting to maintain the open area, which is a popular spot to sit, and to allow the heather to grow without shading (red polygon). Note: this would have normally been a task carried out in the summer, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this has not been possible.
21. This path has become overgrown and can no longer be used. The vegetation here needs to be cut back to allow access from the little school car park beside the copse to the north-eastern corner of the heath.