

"I like the teamwork aspect – It's very satisfying to see the difference we can make together in just a two-hour session. I see this time as an 'outdoor gym' which has the bonus of contributing to the quality of our environment. It's a friendly and creative group with a wide range of skills, and I learn something about the living world every week."

- quote from a WWV member

Volunteers need to enrol as a member of WWV, which provides public liability and personal accident cover whilst taking part in our activities. The annual subscription is £8.00 per year.

Our website offers you an opportunity to contact us, view our image gallery, find out about our activities and download resources including our ancient tree guide and plan of Deer Park Wood:

witneywood.uk



Email: secretary@witneywood.uk

Facebook: [Facebook.com/witneywoodland](https://www.facebook.com/witneywoodland)

WWV appreciate grant aid from:

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Witney Woodland Volunteers

Caring for Witney's woodland, pathways and green spaces.



You are cordially invited to join this active and friendly group established in June 2006. We meet on Monday mornings to carry out maintenance tasks. We also have an 11-acre woodland project - Deer Park Wood.

Path Maintenance

Working with West Oxfordshire District Council, we assist in the maintenance and development of the many riverside paths, footpaths and woodlands around Witney. We do this by cutting back overhanging branches, nettles, brambles and other weeds, collecting litter as we go.

Keeping Fit

It's a great way to keep fit and meet other people who care about their environment, working from 10 am until noon each Monday. All participation is valued - there is no pressure to do more than you wish.

Planting

We plant along footpaths to increase biodiversity - including 175 trees beside Thorney Leys and hundreds of daffodils on the bank nearby. We have also planted new trees and shrubs along the Witan Way footpath, in West End Meadow and in Foxburrow Wood.

Other Activities

We organise wildlife trips to places like RSPB Otmoor, and celebrate the year end with a shared lunch.

Equipment

We can supply equipment on the day, or you may bring your own hand tools.

Health and Safety

We care for the well-being of our group and members of the public. Our health and safety documentation is available on our website, and volunteers are covered by our public liability and personal accident insurance scheme, paid for by a small annual subscription.



In addition to our work around the town, we manage this eleven acre site. The Wood has several wild flower beds, and is a lively habitat for many birds, bees and butterflies.

Footpaths run through the Wood, attracting walkers to the site. There are four oak seats, together with ten large wood benches for picnickers and children taking part in outdoor wildlife activities.



High summer in Deer Park Wood

We maintain the grassland by autumn mowing; plant and care for trees and wild flowers; manage the more mature woodland areas by coppicing

and thinning, and support sapling trees by clearing invasive grass. This investment of time and energy into Deer Park Wood is for future generations.

We have:

- Planted 800 trees
- Dug and sown several wild flower beds
- Transplanted endangered orchids
- Established a thriving habitat for many birds, bees, butterflies and insects.
- Created new hedgerows, coppices, and an orchard.
- Cleared a half-mile path through the woodland mounds
- Fitted four oak benches and a log circle 'outdoor classroom'.



Clearing the Burford Road path

