

Pound Copse

Application for Sundry works

The conservation group, Econet/CRoW, first attended Pound Copse on 16 April 2025 to commence the works described by planning application 250126. Four visits are planned this year to undertake the work under the approved plan.

Once the team commenced their work in April 2025, further areas for attention and improvement were identified:

- 1) That some lower limbs of large Holly trees (with girth >100mm) are trimmed so that they do not encroach on the path causing problems for users. Marked in **BLUE** on the site plan. For example:



Limb from large Holly (outside 10cm diameter limit) overhanging the path.

- 2) Some lower branches from larger Holly trees are blocking the access and view from the bench by the pond and would benefit from being trimmed back. They are also blocking light from the pond and preventing the growth of a number of species that would be expected to be found there (previously there have been newts present but it is currently too shady with no plants for them to lay their eggs on). Marked in **RED** on the site plan.



Lower limbs of large
Holly tree blocking
view/light/access

- 3) To lay a part of the Greensward Road boundary hedge (approx. 50 yds) to strengthen the boundary and give light to the pond (to increase the biodiversity of life there). This work would be undertaken in Autumn/Winter. Marked in **YELLOW** on the site plan.



Hawthorns are well spaced along this section to facilitate hedge laying to strengthen the boundary and promote biodiversity within the structure and within the pond beyond.



An example of hedgelaying by CRoW at Ruscombe Church:



and at Rushall Farm, Bradfield:

