



15th February 2021

A group of socially distanced enthusiastic volunteers undertook the mid-winter work party at Jubilee Green this afternoon. The weather was cloudy, dry and mild, a vast improvement after yesterday's rain and strong winds! We did a range of jobs - these were:

- Pruning of three apple trees, Warrior, Pomeroy of Somerset and Melcombe Russet
- Trimming back a few branches of the medlar that were overhanging the path
- Taking off the two lowest branches of the oak tree
- Trimming the grass and weeds from around the trees and shrubs in the coppice area underneath the ash tree
- In the copse area, cutting off several shoots (about 15 - 20) of sumac that were suckering from the parent tree (that is in an adjacent garden)
- Significantly reducing the height and breadth of a laurel tree that was growing close to the path that leads to the house called 'Foxholes'. We consulted with the owner, who was happy for this to be done! This will allow an adjacent hazel more room to grow
- Removing a large branch that had recently blown off the old ash tree, and was threatening to damage the more delicate nearby shrubs in the copse. We think the branch had become detached from the tree a year or two ago, and had just been shaken free by recent strong winds, narrowly missing an overhead telephone line
- Trimming grass from around two recently planted shrubs in the grid of shrubs to the south of the site, otherwise we left this area well alone as there are many wild flowers in amongst the grass now, some of which should be in flower in a few weeks time!
- Trimming some branches off the shrubs and trees in the coppice area that were overhanging the path.