

The bin near Harvey road has been removed by our staff, following many months of it being attacked by foxes etc.

It is usual for the council to provide litter and dog waste bins on its open spaces to help reduce littering. However, if there are problems with particular bins, we will consider removing them from certain locations or replacing them with a more secure type. We were not aware this bin had been removed, but we will not replace it unless littering becomes an issue in the area.

I believe there is a lot more holly than identified.

Holly is a native tree species of woodland supporting a range of wildlife. The aim of the plan is to control its spread, but not to eradicate it. Future plans will likely identify Holly in other parts of the wood for control.

What is the plan to tackle the ivy. Extra question here, is this something that volunteers could do with advice from you?

Further the previous response regarding Ivy, there is no plan to tackle Ivy. It will be severed, and / or removed from trees, where necessary, but officers would not advise the systematic removal of Ivy from trees, without good reason.

What plan do we have for the long-term replacement of trees, as there are a number of trees now dying.

Woodland should be self-sustaining, in that new trees will germinate and grow to fill space created by dead trees, and management works such as holly clearance and coppicing of hazel. In some cases, we may undertake replacement planting where there are significant gaps in the canopy. New planting needs direct sunlight to be successful and rarely survives when planted under existing canopy cover.

Coppicing is mentioned in the report, but should we not been doing some now?

Until the plan has been approved by the committee, none of the actions outlined in the new plan will be implemented, other than a basic level of grounds maintenance, such as emptying bins, cutting back vegetation overhanging paths and dealing with potentially dangerous trees.