

Community Volunteering

Most of the scouts doing the Gold award arrived at the woods next to Frensham Pond. We had gloves and rakes ready for use and we had long sleeves to stop ourselves from getting scraped or spiked by bushes.

We walked up the path, learning about the forest and what it used to be as we went. Once we got to the area we were clearing everyone put their bags down and gloves on. We put fallen trees and branches on a pile for around an hour and a half.

Then we headed off to a path which needed bracken removed from it. We got out our clippers and began cutting at the roots of the dead plants. We rotated from clipping the bracken to pulling it out with our hands until we reached the 4 hour mark.

With several snack breaks in between the hard part was over and all we had to do now was find a good spot to plant 3 saplings. Myra was given 50 saplings from a company called Carbon Footprint that helps people reduce the amount of carbon that they release. We fortunately got to plant 3 of them. We chose spots that were as empty as possible and had a lot of sunlight to help the saplings grow. Before we knew it; the saplings were planted where they would hopefully in the future become beautiful trees.

With our work done we headed down the paths and back to where the cars were. I think we could all say that we drove home with a sense of achievement that day.

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