

Woodford Golf Club Work Party – Conservation (2)

What does Woodford Golf do to conserve Epping Forest and the surrounding areas of the golf course?

Increasingly since cattle have ceased to graze the land in Epping Forest areas have been taken over by brambles, Holly, Ivy and small self seeded trees, these are choking the beautiful established Oak Trees of the forest and scrub is encroaching onto the acid grasslands, ant hills and the fairways of this 129 year old golf course.

Woodford Golf Club work parties and their two resident green keepers (who have looked after this land for over 80 years between them) over the last four years have set to reverse the above and return the areas of the forest towards its original links state.

This work has been carried out under the terms of our licence with agreement of the Corporation of London, Epping Forest for conservation and the safety of the visiting public.

Below are photographs of work carried out with some before and after shots.

Work carried out to remove Holly and brambles that blocking the view of hidden golfers and walkers walking towards playing golfers on the 6th green for Health & Safety and conservation reasons (before and after)





Work party clearing shrub, gorse and brambles between 2nd and 8th fairways



View from the 2nd / 11th after clearance of shrub, gorse and brambles between 2ND and 8th fairways



View from the 8th / 17th fairway after clearance of shrub, gorse and brambles between 2nd / 11th and 8th / 17th fairways, grass has now replaced the scrub.



Where Holly and brambles have been removed grass and wild flowers are now thriving behind the 6th / 15th green.



View towards the 1st tee and fairway from the Practice area, the small oaks are now thriving following the removal of brambles and self sown small scrub oaks



The Practice area has been reclaimed removing scrub oaks and brambles improving the acid grass areas with the protected ancient ant hills. (arrowed areas)

