

Woodford Golf Club Work Party – Conservation / H&S (3)

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.

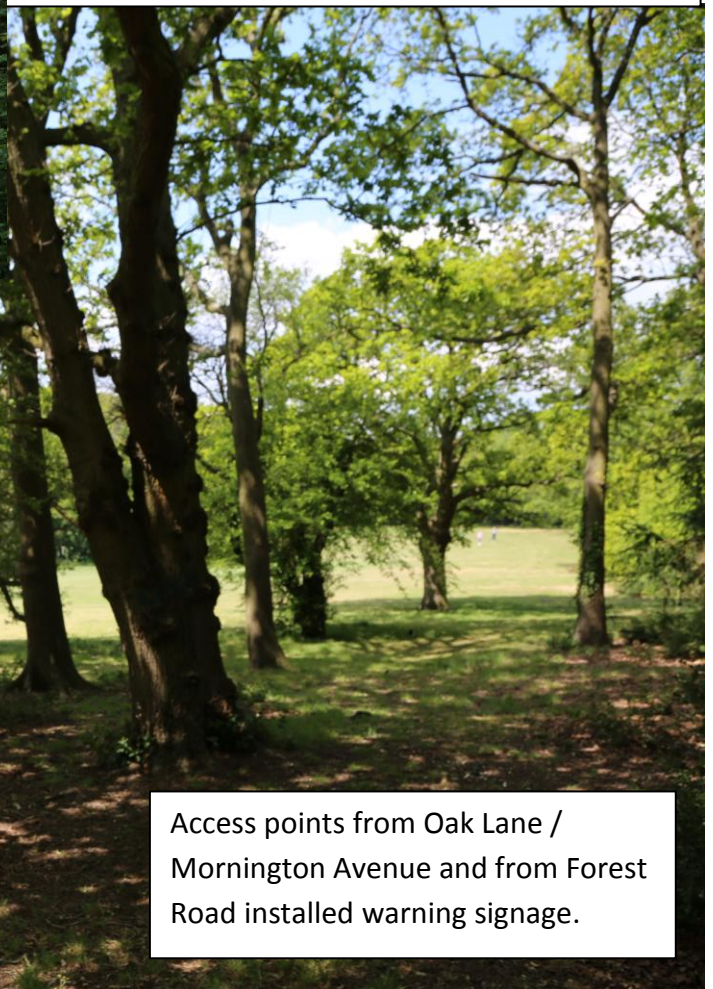
Woodford Golf Club work parties and their two resident green keepers (who have looked after this land for over 80 years between them) over the last four years have set to reverse the above and return the areas of the forest towards its original links state.

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.



Access points onto golf course from roads and crossing paths have been clearly marked to warn other forest users to be aware they are entering an area set aside for playing golf



Access points from Oak Lane / Mornington Avenue and from Forest Road installed warning signage.



Until recently this beautiful Oak tree on the 5th /14th fairway was hidden and was being choked by out of control holly and gorse, the area around the base of the tree has been cleared by a members work party.



In area at the rear of the 5th/14th green, self sown wild bluebells have now replaced the removed holly and scrub.



Areas on the 5th /14th fairway which have been cleared of scrub, gorse and brambles where grass and wild flowers has replaced the scrub.





View looking down the 6th/15th fairway from the tee, 2 years ago this view around these trees was blocked with overgrown holly



The view now when walking up the 6th/15th fairway when looking from both left and right. These visible Oaks were surrounded by brambles and holly before they were reclaimed.





This oak was in the middle of a holly tree on the approach to the 6th Green, with the holly tree removed it is now thriving.



This area surrounding this Oak tree was cleared of brambles and overgrown gorse to expose this magnificent tree together with trimmed bushes, it can found between the first fairway and the pathway leading from the 9th / 18th