

## ANTS NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2017

### Summary of Past Work Parties

We were unable to go to Ebworth in early June as Matt was still on holiday.

There was also a change to the following work party which was due to be at Horton Court as Richard was away attending a training course. Instead, we got to work at the quarry car park on Rodborough Common, clearing scrub from around the edges and burning the resulting vegetation further into the quarry.

It was a nice day in July at Westbury Court Gardens for our annual visit to clear the sides of the stream.

In early August we were at Sherborne. Here we tidied up the edges of the path leading from the village to the pleasure grounds up to the ice house and to the edge of the old quarry.

Later in August we were again unable to visit Horton Court so we returned to Rodborough Common to continue the scrub clearance around the quarry car park.

Mid-September saw us at Ebworth clearing up the debris from a school event that had been held the previous day, together with scrub and small trees cut from around the old ice house.

The work party in October was at a new site, Stockend Wood, Haresfield, with Tim. We cleared a section of woodland alongside the road for future access to repair the drystone wall.

Ebworth at the end of October had to be called off as the Ranger was unwell.

In mid-November we returned to the pleasure grounds at Sherborne to continue the work of clearing the sides of the footpath and around the wrought iron seat encircling the Yew tree.

**Tim**

