

REPORT FROM UPPER CARVER VALLEY PERMACULTURE GROUP  
on Community Woodland Network Grant.

Firstly, apologies for the delay in getting this to you. Things have been very busy.

Not least this has included plenty of work in Knott Wood, and probably our most successful year to date in 'balsalm-bushy'. For this the strimmer has been essential and much appreciated. We are still in the midst of it now. Hopefully another couple of years at this rate and we might see some difference!

The 3 people who took the chainsaw training all passed all units fine, and have been making good use of their new skills. One person has been able to help a local arborist & is thinking of taking further courses in tree care and arboriculture; the other 2 helped clear a coup in the woods at the end of this winter. Since then we've used the saw for a variety of jobs & it saved us countless hours. The safety gear has of course seen much appreciated. I enclose a copy of my certificate, in afraid I don't have the others.

The hand tools have seen a good deal of use - undoubtedly the woods are looking healthier and more cared for than they have since we got to know them a few years ago, and for the help with the equipment, we and no doubt all the people walking through, are very grateful.

The grant has been essential in allowing us to take on heavier work, clearing ways into the woods and keeping paths clear & safe.

(I'm sorry I don't have any photographs - if its utterly essential I guess we can take one.)

We're thinking of declaring a dedicated week of balsalm bushing next year, to get lots of people onto the woods in a co-ordinated way... if so we will inform you.

Thank you very much indeed for all your help,  
on behalf of myself, the group, & Knott Wood,

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