CORTON WOODS

The past year has been one of very routine "housekeeping" tasks in the woods such as keeping the paths cleared and topped up with chippings: cutting back areas of excessive undergrowth: trying to stop the spread of the bracken and brambles on the big meadow: trying to limit the increase in new unauthorised paths: and the never-ending task of litter picking. Sadly we have lost several very mature trees which came down in recent storms, but fortunately many of the trees which we have been planting since the start of the project in 2001 are now becoming quite large, so the impact of the loss of the older trees is less evident. Our faithful band of volunteers continues to turn up for the work parties, and without their continuing input it would not be too long before the woods became a less hospitable environment.