

Cowgate Cemetery Clearance Update +++ Report by Jeremy Cope +++

ONE OF THE FEATURES of our work at Cowgate has been the extraordinary weather pattern since we started in April 2001. I cannot recall that we have been rained off on a Thursday turnout until this January. For the first time the weather caused our advertised date to be cancelled but everyone turned out on the following

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Thursday to be blessed with a glorious sunny morning. The Saturdays have been nearly as good for weather as the Thursdays but this January saw us defeated by the rain at about 11 a.m when a very sodden party accepted that enough was enough. Despite the hiccup in the weather we continue to make good progress in which the clearance party should take considerable pride.

I reported in the December 2003 newsletter that, because of a generous donation, we had acquired a powerful strimmer which has greatly increased our ability to mow the grass and to clear the undergrowth. Due to the generosity of our member, Dick Bolton, we now have a second similarly-powered strimmer. Using these machines makes me very much more confident that we shall be able to finish the clearance and then to maintain Cowgate as we would wish.

In February we welcomed member Ken Tranter to the group. If anyone would like to join us please telephone me on 01304 211348. We are a happy group. Do not be put off if you are unsure of your abilities at clearance work; we only ask that you work at your own (comfortable) pace. Why not give it a try?



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