PC Meeting Thursday 6th March.

**AGENDA ITEM 7, GREEN SPACES**

1. **Report from Broom Hill Trust.**

Volunteer Parish Councillors and parishioners have donated a large number of person hours during January and February to practical tasks on Broom Hill and much has been achieved.

The signs, posts and waymark roundels have been reinstalled to the lower path.

Eastwoods coppiced both the snowberry on the eastern edge of the grass slope and the failing southern hedge to the woodland. Volunteers raked the snowberry cuttings into habitat piles and planted 150 native hedgerow plants, supplied free by MSDC, to form a new southern boundary hedge to the woodland. As there are gaps remaining in the southern boundary hedge MSDC have confirmed that they will be able to supply another 50 plants before the end of the planting season.

Eastwoods have also reduced the height of T8 tree as per the tree survey 2-year recommendations.

‘Pride in your Place’ funding has been granted to pay for a contractor to cut the brambles on the grass slope and on the slope above the upper path in the woodland. This work should be completed by Richard Hartley shortly.

The spring volunteer work mornings, with 26 person hours focused on digging out the brambles in the middle section of the bluebell woodland. Noticeable progress has been made with over two thirds of this area currently bramble free.

The Trustees wish to record thanks to all who give their time generously to help maintain Broom Hill for all in the community.

1. **Report from Mill Hill, 3 Cocked Hat and allotments working group.**

The previously unworked allotment is now being transformed by a new allotment holder who only took over in late February. Mr Jefferies has planted new hedging to fill the gaps in the hedge bordering Love Lane. MSDC will supply 20 plants to fill the remaining gaps.

Following the abundant winter rainfall all 4 of the water catchment tanks are full. The Green Spaces working group therefore request that when funding allows the council tadd another 2 tanks.

**Other actions outstanding for Councillors working group :-**

1. Post for dog waste bin on Old Norwich Road.
2. Straightening of litter bin in layby B1078/A140**.**