

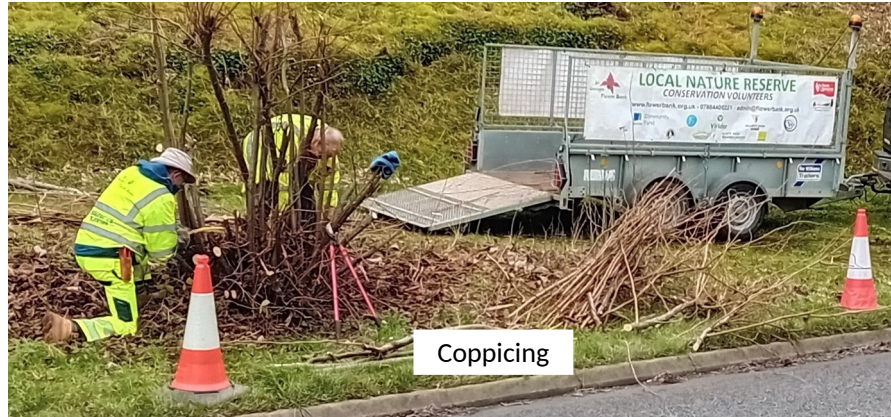
Spring news

Despite the extraordinary rainfall and cold winds it is officially Spring. The tree blossom's been spectacular again and flowers are blooming all over the Flower Bank. We live in hope of some warmer, drier weather!

Here's the Winter tasks that we managed on less wet days!



Removing invasive Dogwood which was overcoming the Cowslip bank



Coppicing



Professionals - Koala Tree Care aka Callum and Aaron Emery
Felling trees to let more light onto the ground for wildflowers to thrive.

Proper signs of Spring



Primroses spreading across the patch where it all started from one small clump in 1990
(note one section left unmown to provide overwintering habitat for insects)



Primroses are now establishing in several other parts of the Reserve



However they're not all what they seem.
There ARE a lot of Primroses but loads are actually hybrids.
Some look like Cowslips and others like garden Polyanthus
We think that they are probably all natural.
Primroses and Cowslips have probably been cross-pollinated by
bees that have visited local gardens.

HAPPY EASTER!!