

## Work in Progress: Pytchley Marsh

### What's the problem here?

The scrub which has grown here since the railway closed is causing deep shade over the ponds at Pytchley Marsh. This cools the water and makes it less suitable for amphibians like frogs and other animals including damselflies and dragonflies – amongst others. The species which prefer open water conditions are priorities for conservation action because their numbers have declined so much in recent years.

### What is being done?

The work here will cut down and remove some of the willow scrub to open the ponds and allow additional light to reach the water – with the intention of improving Pytchley Marsh for wildlife. The work will benefit frogs, flowers and invertebrates etc.

The cut scrub will be piled into 'habitat piles' on the railway embankment beyond - where it will be a useful resource for other wildlife. These will eventually disappear / decay in a few years.

### When will the work be taking place?

The plan is to spend five days cutting the scrub – starting on **6 February 2012** (subject to the weather).

### Who is doing the work?

The work is being planned and overseen by the Rugby Group of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust – and a local contractor will be doing the work.

### Health and safety

The walkway will remain open at all times and the work won't impinge on the use of the cutting. However please do avoid the felling area and observe any notices and directions given by the contractors at work.

### Further information and comments

The Rugby Group would be pleased to hear your comments. If you'd like to volunteer to help with looking after the Cutting, please do get in touch – conservation work is great fun, keeps you fit and you get to meet lots of people and make good friends whilst also doing a worthwhile job improving our local environment! For further information or to send your comments on the project, please contact Stephen Trotter at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on 0247 6302912 or email [enquiries@wkwtrg.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wkwtrg.org.uk).

Many thanks - *The Rugby Group of The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust*



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