

Marlot Conservation Group (MCG)

Work report to Whixall Parish Council meeting September 2025

Reporting Period 7 July – 8 September 2025

The latter part of the summer months has concentrated on regular maintenance of the main parts of the Marlot. Still with only 3 volunteers on task, as and when available, work has continued at a pace to ensure that the main pathways have been regularly cut and kept clear, as well as regular strimming of the back meadow to keep bracken growth down.

The programme of clearing growth and debris from the main meadow front ditch has also taken considerable time and effort. This will hopefully ensure that the ditch allows for a continued flow of water particularly in the forthcoming winter months and thus avoiding any unforeseen flooding. With all this clearing work a large amount of brash and cuttings was accumulated and this has had to be manually transferred to the compost heaps, which also had to be cleared of overhanging branch obstructions to enable clear access.

The volunteers have also concentrated on tidying up the front entrance area; constructing a log border along the wildflower patch and clearing overhanging willow branches. Maintenance on equipment has also taken place with a full service of Strimmer#2 which appeared to be labouring when used. This has been checked and is now working at full capacity.

Outside assistance to the Marlot has come in the guise of my daughter, Alice, who has updated the Marlot Information leaflet pdf file with the addition of a QR code, Whixall Parish Council Logo and change of Parish Clerk email address. The Parish Clerk has now passed this to the printers for pricing. It is also anticipated that the MCG will be back to 4 volunteers by the end of October as I will hopefully return back after recent foot surgery. The MCG are now considering autumn work and preparations for winter.

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