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Message: #6348 (Mail/Message)
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To: nickcowen@wiltshire.gov.uk

Hi Nick,

Thanks for showing Cath and I the path and issues at Harnham Slope on Friday.

Our Comments are as follows.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust welcomes the opportunities that the recent path work has presented in terms of raising local awareness about the Harnham Slope Woodland. Also we welcome the potential it has to contribute to increasing walking opportunities in the Salisbury Area.

Slow worms are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Any one carry out work where slow worms are present would need to take this into account. What this would mean in practice is that work may need to be carried out by hand (rather than machine) in order to prevent any injury / death to Slow Worms. Slow Worms are likely to be found in piles of garden waste and rubble.

The roots of trees need to be taken into consideration. There are a number of large, old Hazel stools at the Western end out of the proposed path. Care should be taken not to damage the root systems of these trees. Paths should be built up to pass the trees rather than being dug into the existing surface. Care should be taken not to compact and damage the roots through use of heavy machinery.

I hope this information is of help

Best Wishes,

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