



## **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

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Snowdrops in the woodland

### **Progress on Annual Project 2007/08**

Work to clean and clear the area around the old fuel tanks is nearly completed and will shortly be ready for landscaping and grassing. The foundations of what are believed to have been the fuel pumping station have been exposed and cleared. The posts to support 'Peters Gate' are prepared and awaiting shuttering and cement when the weather permits. Completion of the majority of the work is scheduled for the spring.

### **Progress on Tree Thinning Programme**

The programme of tree thinning continues under the guidance of the Suffolk Coastal District arboriculture officer. Tree thinning encourages a healthy woodland eco-system, with the logs being used for revetment strengthening, the building of benches and providing wildlife habitat.

### **Development of the Woodland Paths**

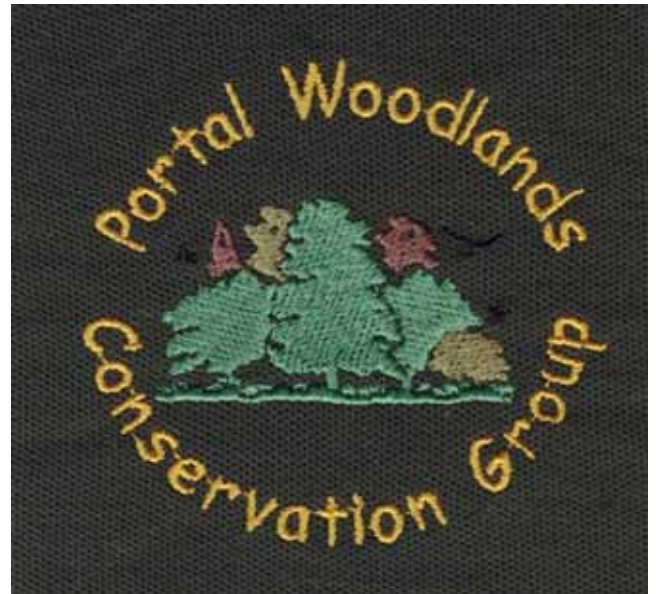
Advantage is to be taken this year to expand the work on the upgrading of the remaining paths in the wood with chippings. It is planned that this work will be undertaken as part of the 2008/09 annual project. The Group would wish to extend its thanks to Mrs Glenys Owen for a gift of £250 towards this project in memory of her late husband, David, who frequently walked in, and enjoyed the woodlands.

### **Nature Watch 2008**

The programme for the new year commences on 26<sup>th</sup> April, details of which may be found on the website. Please remember that members are required to book a space on these meetings by sending an email to [naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk).

### **Sweatshirts**

Finally, the Group is presently negotiating the manufacture of PWCG sweatshirts for members to purchase. These will be in dark 'bottle' green with the logo as shown below. More information will be available soon.



### **Thanks for your Support**

Our thanks to Colin Webb for supporting our application to BT for a Community Award, which has been used to purchase a stronger gazebo for use by the Nature Watch and PWCG. As ever, we extend our thanks and appreciation to those members would provide the workforce and their expertise. We are delighted to welcome new volunteers. For more information on this and other aspects of PWCG, please access the website at [www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup).