

Thorncliffe Conservation Group

Working for the Community of Chapeltown

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For immediate use

Conservation Group Members learn new skills

This winter the Thorncliffe Conservation Group members were taught the skill of hedge layering. In 2009 they planted whips alongside a fence they constructed by the Trans Pennine Trail as it continues after Bridge Inn Road. The whips were of native trees including hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn, holly and dog rose.



Planting whips
of native trees
in March 2009

This year they had grown to ten foot saplings, tall enough to be layered to form a proper barrier hedge. With advice and training from the Sheffield Countryside Partnership (formally known as the Sheffield Landscape Trust) four cold winter mornings were used to master this new skill.

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By 2017 the trees had grown into healthy saplings ready to be layered into a hedge.



Mick gethin and Frank Theaker hedge layering under instruction from the S.C.P.

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Half done after first day but Mick Gethin, Kieth Haddon and Frank Theaker continuing the work on a freezing December morning.



Work done Mick Gethin said "It's been good to learn a new skill and I think we've done well, but I'll be happier in the Spring when the hedge starts to bud and show signs of life."

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The group used to hold work sessions on the first Sat each month but as most of the group are retired they now meet on the first Monday of each month. The group welcomes volunteers but under sixteens must be accompanied by an adult. If you're interested just turn up for a session or call Alison Gethin 2467414.

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Pictures attached are of members of the Thorncliffe Conservation Group all volunteers and members of the Sheffield Landscape Trust.

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