

Task Reports August 2003

10th August – Pound Copse – David Fiddes

How to make a bench (on the hottest day in recorded British history!)

Instructions for one self-assembly bench:

Contents - two 4 ft long sweet chestnut logs (left over from a previous task), one thick plank of sycamore, six 6-inch nails.

Tools required - spade, post-hole digger, tampers, spirit-level (or bottle of squash), marker-pen, chain-saw, drill, hammer, wheelbarrow.

Step 1 - Dig two 2 ft deep holes about a foot wider than the bench posts.



Step 2 - Place a log in each hole and gradually replace soil, tamping well as you go.



Step 3 - Mark posts so that the seat top will be level and about 19 inches above ground.



Step 4 - Remove excess post with chain-saw.

Step 5 - Drill nail holes at an angle in seat top, at least three per post. Nail bench top onto bench posts.



Step 6 - Sit on bench whilst Alastair puts the kettle on!



17th August – Arborfield

After a mornings work at Pound Copse the fourteen of us on task today moved up the road to install a bench. Very much a case of lots of supervisors and only a couple of workers!

