



SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY TRUST



## Restharrow Scrape Development Project

### CONSERVATION TEAM FEEDBACK

Well as a dutiful and regular member of the Conservation Team now!! I owe a lot to the Scrape refurbishment.

I volunteered to help with the painting and refurb of the old hide, which I enjoyed very much. Quite a feeling of doing some good!

I have now done most things including fencing of the Scrape field and dressing and hanging two 5 bar gates. Never thought I would ever do that!!

I now help the conservation team regular each Monday and thoroughly enjoy it.

So, if it wasn't for the scrape refurb, I probably still wouldn't be involved with the conservation team, it was probably the kick up the backside I needed. lol.

*Steve Reynaert*



I have been involved in this project from the outset, helping cut down willow trees and saplings, bramble patches, reeds and rough grass to clear the way for the heavy plant. Following the hiatus caused by pandemic lockdowns I have worked consistently with a brush cutter to clear a path for construction of stock fences and to allow access for the Land Rover. The work has been hard but rewarding, seeing the site mature and the wildlife within it flourish; we have done a good job and will endeavour to continue to do so. As a fringe benefit, we have built a cohesive and supportive

community. The success of the project depends upon continuing management and I hope to be helping with that in the times to come.

*Terry*

What I personally got out of the project:

- enjoyment working as part of a team/camaraderie
- sense of achievement in getting a project finished
- practical learning on tools and construction
- physical exercise
- being new to SBBOT it was a great way to get to know people
- the desire to get more involved in SBBOT
- pride in seeing a job well done and the facility being used and enjoyed by visitors
- appreciating the skills of others (particularly the leadership roles of Bill and Claire)

Thanks

*Russell*

I have enjoyed joining in this activity. It's well organised, sociable and at the end of the session you can see what has been done.

I have learned new skills.

And sometimes there had been cake.

*Danny Lang*