

## Environmental Works around the Villages

Due to the wet and icy weather conditions we have experienced in the last few months, the enhancement works funded by the Parish Council started later than was expected, however now it is nearing completion it is pleasing to see the difference it is making to targeted areas of the villages.



## Slade Avenue/ Woodgreen Drive roundabout



Now that the brambles have been cleared, this area will be mowed on a regular basis, to help prevent any new bramble growth.

## Hastings Drive corridor – reduced growth of Hawthorn hedge.



**Woodgreen Drive** - Pruning of the shrubs and the removal of trees away from the pathway has also now been completed.



**Ankerage Green hedgerow**

Following further assessment by the City Council Parks Team, drastic measures had to be implemented on this hedgerow. As it had not been pruned for many years, it had become 'gappy' at the base and so it was reduced to ground level to encourage vigorous re-growth. Some young hawthorn whips have also been planted to thicken up the growth. A fence will be installed shortly to protect the new hedging. For more details on the hedgerow management please see the noticeboard on site.

### **Vetchfield Retrenchment works**



This work has been undertaken to help preserve the ageing oak trees. This pruning imitates the natural process of ageing and is used to extend tree viability, both in terms of vitality and stability.

Further works to other oak trees will be completed later in the year.