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Colney Heath Common Hawthorn Control Trial

Early summer 2019 update

From visual assessment made on 17th June 2019

The winter-early spring cutting down of Hawthorn has made little or no difference to the number of plants with both treatments making significant regrowth. It also appears that there is little or no difference between hand and machine cutting down, but until a detailed assessment is carried out one cannot be sure.

The control (untreated) currently look worse than the treated (cut down) areas which was expected.

The second area of larger Hawthorn has made significant improvement while the Hawthorn is re-growing the other plants have recovered well, notably the heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) and several of the smaller pasture plants. The blackberry which was present at the time of cutting back may prove also to be a problem in the longer term.

In the areas which have been cut down the regrowth appears to be much denser than before which is in line with expectations.

The summer cutting down is planned to take place early July, about two weeks after the longest day.



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Close-up of cut down Hawthorn showing the dense regrowth (17/6/2019)



The difference between cut down (right) and non-cut areas (left) (17/6/2019)