

Sir John's Lane Wall Restoration Project

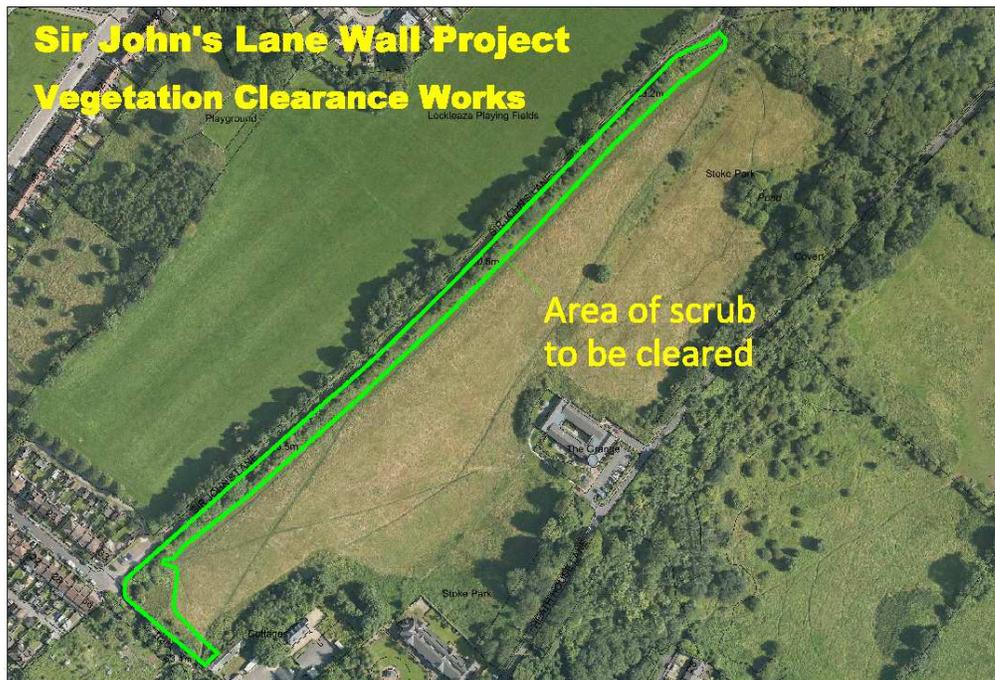
Essential Vegetation Clearance Works this Winter

Over many years a belt of self-sown scrub including regenerating elm saplings, self-sown ash and sycamore has grown up along the field side of the wall contributing to its dilapidation and preventing repair and maintenance. Old maps of the estate and a 1949 aerial photograph show that this scrub is self-sown and not original estate planting.

In order to provide clear and safe access to undertake a full condition survey, prepare restoration proposals, enable fallen stone to be recovered for re-use and to prepare for contractor access to carry out the works, it is essential that this belt of scrub is removed.

A number of large self-seeded sycamore trees have also grown up along the base of the wall on the field side in the last 50 years threatening the present and future stability of the wall, which due to its age is unlikely to have been built with a foundation. These trees will also need to be removed to prevent the collapse of the remaining wall; as has occurred further along the lane.

The map below shows the area to be cleared. The works to clear the scrub and fell the trees will be undertaken this winter to avoid the bird nesting season. To prevent regrowth which would undermine the wall in the future and to return this part of the field to active maintenance, the root stocks will be grubbed out in the spring to avoid disturbing hibernating animals: particularly slow worms.



Following completion of the wall restoration, this area will be returned to grass to be cut as a hay meadow along with the rest of the field as part of Bristol Parks & Estates landscape restoration works for Stoke Park.

***If you would like more information about the vegetation clearance
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