

# Conservation

## History of Project

The group has been running for 18 years and undertakes any conservation projects i.e. footpaths/bridle path clearing, all types of fencing, tree felling up to certain sizes, scrub clearance, stile and step construction etc.

The group over the years has built up a very good reputation for being reliable and professional.





### Make up of group

The group is made up of eight service users who have moderate learning difficulties aged between 20-50 years old, male and female, and are supported by two fully experienced staff.

The group works four days a week for approximately 4-5 hours per day within a 20 mile radius of the centre.

### Objectives

To carry on giving a service to the local community through our agencies or Parish council. To educate the public around people with learning disabilities who can contribute to the community. To carry on developing the conservation project and to encourage people leaving school, college etc to try their hand at conservation work and develop skills which in the long term could assist them in finding employment. We would also be willing to give schools and colleges a talk around the project.

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### Who we work for

We work for a number of agencies such as Severn Trent, D.C.C., Middleton Top Rangers, Shipley Rangers, Groundwork Trust, local parish councils, local schools. These are just a few we work for and have contracts with to provide many days work per year.

### Equipment

We have a 12 seater mini bus and trailer and most of the tools required to carry out our work. If we need specialist tools we will purchase if possible or loan from one of our agencies.



### Health & Safety

A Risk assessment is carried out for every job undertaken by the group and an individual Risk assessment for every member of the group, which are updated annually to monitor progress and safety requirements. All Service users have protective clothing and footwear. Other protective equipment is also supplied.



### Aims

To provide an enjoyable working project which allows service users the experience and requirement needed should the opportunities come along for a full or part time employment, which can on occasions.