

## FFWPU UK: Cleeve House Grounds Work In Progress Update

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Those at Cleeve House have been working tirelessly to improve the grounds, see what they have been up to!

We made the most of the dry weather last weekend and managed to get to grips with clearing a lot of the undergrowth and self-seeded trees. It really makes a difference when someone turns up with a genuine passion and skill set to match, along with a clear concept in their mind on how to go about achieving a well-defined task.

We're fortunate to have Isaac Y living not too far away in Bristol, so he came down to work with the rest of the Cleeve House Project Management team and teach us some of the skills and knowledge he has absorbed growing up in the wilds of Wales.

This is what the area looked like before the work started on the Saturday morning:



These guys just work Non stop:



After some long hours the right of the main field was well on its way to being cleared.



We have spoken to a local farmer and we are hoping to get him over with his tractor to plough up the stumps, and help us prepare the ground for better use.



We also shifted a lot of wood from the overflow car park to the shelter in the maintenance area to get it dried out and ready for chopping. Working together makes eating and sharing a meal so much more enjoyable, and of course good work makes good food taste even better.

Alex A commented: "working with Isaac was a great experience and it was lovely to have a true country boy come and teach us the ropes of working with chain saws and strimmers, please come back soon Isaac!"

We will be organising more weekend work parties to develop the grounds at Cleeve house to get it ready for the summer months so we will let the community know if any opportunities come up for volunteers to help out.'

-Simon C.