

BROWN'S FOLLY SITE MAINTENANCE JANUARY 2010

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It was a bitterly cold Saturday morning in January when Bob Mustow, Elizabeth Devon and I met in the Brown's Folly car park. The ground was frozen solid as we trudged up the hill armed with an assortment of gardening tools.

When we came to a fork in the path Elizabeth left us to do a survey of all the other sites, while Bob and I continued on up to Site 7.

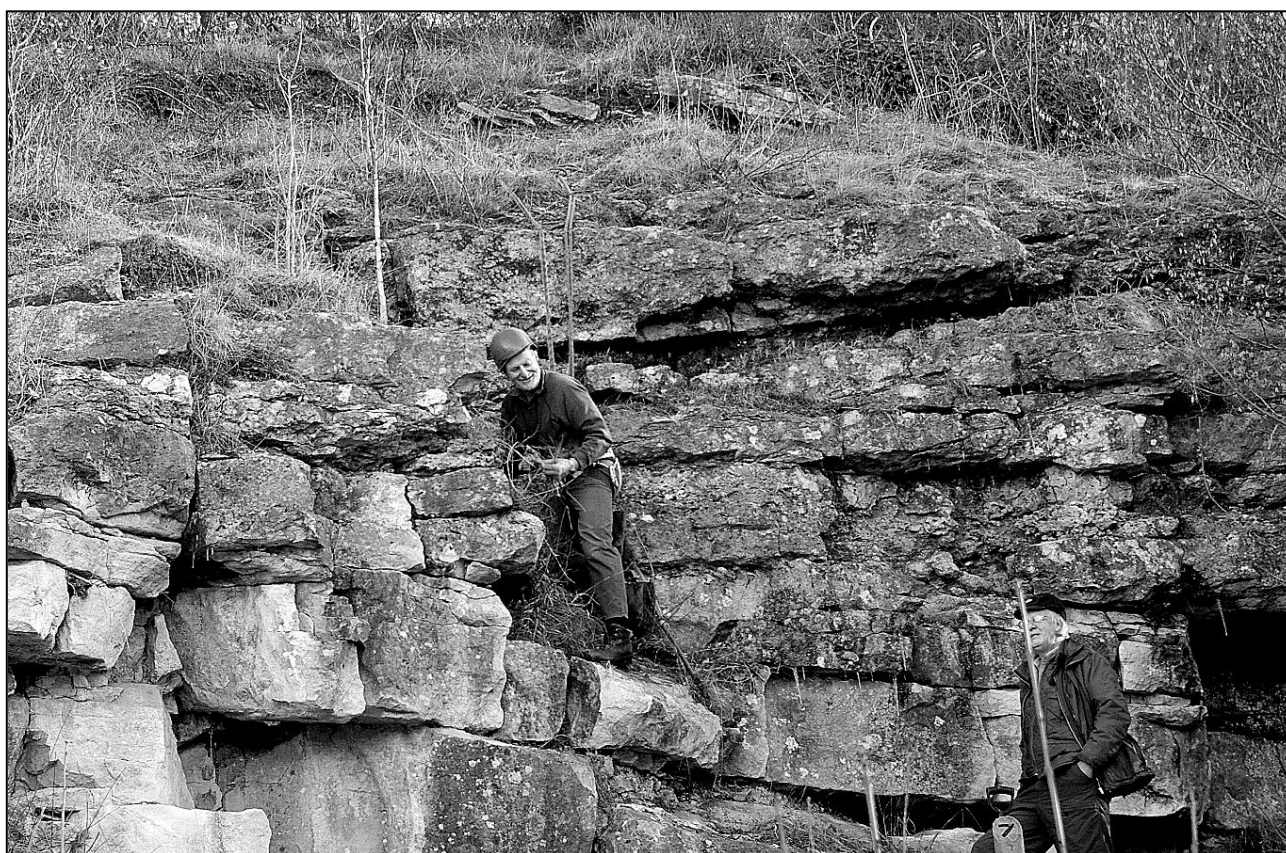
We set to work clearing the vegetation and after a while were joined by Richard Arthur.

Bob concentrated on the higher exposures while Richard and I worked on the lower ledges and the access path. Although it was a beautiful day we did not benefit from the sun's rays as Site 7 faces west.

Bob had brought his climbing gear so when he had cleared as much as he could reach from the ledges he set up a belay round one of the trees at the top of the outcrop and proceeded to abseil down the rock face.

Eventually Elizabeth arrived with the good news that all the other sites were clear of vegetation, so after two hours or so of hard graft we packed up our tools and emerged into the warm sunshine.

Maybe next year we'll do our annual clearance in March when we're less likely to get frostbite!



The intrepid Bob abseils down the rock face to make a thorough job of clearing the vegetation on the exposure at Site 7 while Richard looks on from below.