



THE BESOM in Taunton

sweep away suffering

PROJECT No. 279 GARDENING IN WELLINGTON



This gardening project in Wellington came about as the result of a request for help, from Wellington Estates Office, for a lady living in sheltered accommodation. Her hedges had become overgrown and one was limiting access to a footpath leading to other houses nearby; she also had some shrubs that needed tidying up and a hawthorn tree in her back garden that had got rather out of hand and had grown taller than she wanted.



A project team of five from Taunton Vineyard church arrived on a bright, summer's morning, equipped with shears, secateurs, a stepladder, a particularly useful petrol hedge trimmer and lots of energy and enthusiasm. The tallest team member was volunteered to start tackling the hawthorn from the stepladder, another set about the long hedge with the trimmer, while the rest of us got down to cutting back the shrubs and clearing the cuttings into sacks, before taking them to the tip.

The recipient was on hand to help as well and to guide us in where to cut back. We stopped for a welcome cuppa half way through the morning and finished off our time there by tidying up a thriving, but rather unwieldy, climber that was growing up the front of the recipient's home.

It was a pleasure to work on the project and, especially, to have the recipient join us on it. She was relieved and grateful to have the work done and was happy for us to keep her in our prayers.

