

# friends of WARTON CRAG LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Managing Woodlands

Over the past few years we have observed changes in our ash trees. Ash dieback is a disease in trees caused by a fungal pathogen and is now present across the AONB. We are busy assessing these trees for disease and being proactive in felling trees where there is a risk to people. Several trees were felled on a main path towards the crag which needed a bit of a tidying up. We worked alongside the Silverdale Woodbank on this task. This volunteer community group is dedicated to help look after local woodlands. In return for their labour they get a share of logs for their use but they also help people in fuel poverty. It was a team effort to remove the wood which allowed light to penetrate the woodland floor creating a mosaic of habitats. Other wood is left as habitat in the form of dead hedges for the benefit of all woodland creatures.



Save the date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October