

FOOTPATH WORK SINCE APRIL 13TH 2016

- 1) A metal finger post has been placed at the entrance to Roaches Farm (footpath 105). It replaces a wooden one that eventually disappeared.....A replacement wooden post replaces one demolished by a car near the crossroads on Wirestone Lane, by the turn for Jagers Lane (footpath 97).
- 2) A timber crossing of a small brook on Ashover 64 in Milltown has been replaced, thanks to The Countryside Service. The previous one sailed off in a flood! It is now a much sturdier structure.
- 3) A finger post has now been placed at the south end of Footpath 81 on Berridge Lane. A new arrow has been placed on the post at the northern end. A replacement post has also gone in on the north end of 22 on Northedge Lane.
- 4) A finger post replacement now announces the footpath at Butts Corner and there are also way markers through the quarry to help walkers, particularly when motor cross is taking place. The owners of the quarry take safety issues very seriously and should be commended for this and also improving the state of The Amber.
- 5) Three of the walks in the annual Chesterfield and District Walking Festival were organised and run by our group. Over 50 walkers took part and almost all used the local pubs and business. One lady used the event as part of her holiday from Canada.
- 6) Two new benches have been planted by Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise. One bench is on the south of The Fabric, by the steps and the other at High Ashes Farm. There are two footpaths here and the land owner has put in a concessionary path, which is much more convenient and with better views!
- 7) Thanks to the landowner, footpath 120, off the top end of Vernon Lane is now much drier and has new drains too!
- 8) Thieves have run off with several gates off Screatham Lane. The footpath gate on 110 was one of these but has been replaced by one made by The Countryside Service.

9) Rights of Way have 'encouraged' the owner of Wilkin House on Path 100 to put squeeze stiles at either end of the legal diversion round the buildings. The gates here had been locked.

10) Work is being done to bash bracken to keep paths clear – any wide walking of such paths is most welcome.

11) The County Council, based on more historical evidence, is to recommend sinking the status of BOAT on Ashover 157, behind Marsh Green. It is likely to become a restricted byway.