

FOOTPATH WORK FROM NOVEMBER 1ST 2016

- 1) Cut backs of overgrowth have been completed along the 'tunnels' past Eastwood Grange on Ashover 42 up to The Fabric , by the owners of Eastwood Grange.
- 2) Cut backs have been undertaken along: 46 (below The Rattle), 62 (Milltown Quarry), 63 (Overton).
- 3) The step at the top of the flag stones on 59 has been made safer. The stones are being re-scraped.
- 4) The finger post at the Dalebank end of Footpath 88 has been replanted. The bottom was rotten, so it is somewhat shorter! Not to be outdone, a similar operation was done on the post to the west of Overton Hall on 64
- 5) Footpath 104, near Uppertown, was unwalkable at one stage, near to the small brook. The land owner has worked hard to make it useable and has removed the worst of the muddy bits!
- 6) The difficult stile on 83, below Ashover Hay, is no more. Improvements to field access have left a gate instead.
- 7) Thanks to the Countryside Service, the stepping stones across the Amber on Footpath 57 from The Butts Quarry have been repaired. Three of the steps had headed off down- stream in recent flooding.
- 8) Work to build a revetment, made from local natural resources, has strengthened the bank of The Amber and protected Footpath 92 in Milltown. It withstood all that the recent floods threw at it.
- 9) Stephenson's' have completed further work on cut backs along Abraham's Lane (Bridleway 136).
- 10) Thanks to the landowner, further improvement to Footpath 120 has been completed, around Robriding.

11) After a public inquiry, it is confirmed that Footpath 50 at Marsh Green will become a bridleway. Upgrading of some of the gates, to be safe for horse traffic, will follow.

12) The Tuesday walks are fulfilling their purpose! There are usually about eight people with a mixture of new walkers and the established. The mixture is always different. We walk about four or five miles from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30ish.

13) One of the bridges over the mine workings through the Milltown Quarry area on footpath 62 has received repairs and re-inforcement.

14) The Christmas walk attracted 45 walkers!