

FOOTPATH WORK FROM JANUARY 1st 2017

1) A working party of volunteers and council Countryside Service has improved the steps off Vernon Lane onto footpath 121. The steps have been re-filled and there is a handrail on some of the length, re-cycled from another site. On arrival on the site, the team was met by a 100+ year old ash which had fallen the night before, across the path. This was also dealt with. Work has also been done to cut brambles back from the path

2) A talk on local footpaths was given to the local housewives group. They will embark on a guided walk or two, later in the year. There will also be involvement with the local walking festival and The Ramblers programme for those who want to build on their initial walking for health programme.

3) Extra marker discs have been placed around Press Lane Farm on Ashover 25. This should help the farmer.

4) A tree fell across the stepping stones over The Amber in Butts Quarry, on Ashover 57. The Countryside Service removed the obstruction, which was not an easy job. The landowner completed the tidying up process. Countryside also removed a large tree over Abrahams Lane.

5) Another tree fell across the river path (92) close to The Miners' Arms at Milltown and has been removed. Trees across Back Lane have also been moved.

6) Stone steps throughout the parish have received a scraping, such as footpath 20 between Hillside and Hill Top Road.

7) The latter stages of the work to legally divert Footpath 96 is now in progress. This will enable the landowner to enlarge a barn and hopefully improve the experience for walkers.

8) The owner of Birkin Lane Farm is providing a concessionary path to pass round the entrance to the yard. There is no plan, as yet, to legally divert the present path (Ashover 1).

9) The last stages of upgrading the path in front of Marshgreen to a bridleway are nearly complete.