

## FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAYS WORK FROM JANUARY 2020

- 1) Volunteers have been involved on several days cutting back paths on The Fabric and helping to conserve the heathland.
- 2) A tree was across path 146 through the woods on Bradley Hollow (from Overton Lane up to Holestonegate Road) . Thanks to the rights of way officer, the obstruction was removed efficiently and speedily.
- 3) Work has been done to re-expose the stone slabs up to Overton Hall, on footpath 59, to their full width. The wicket gate at the top of the stone flags has been repaired, as the slamming post on one side had snapped.
- 4) As part of conservation work on Eddlestow Lot, the views from footpath 94 are even better! Some of the best views in The Parish are here.
- 5) The newly created footpath 150 from Greenend and its continuation along Back Lane Overton (156) are now part of the official Derbyshire Mapping Portal. This makes the total distances of Ashover legal paths and bridleways approximately 50 miles.
- 6) The legal highway between Alicehead Road and Darley Road is continuing its legal processes and will become a public footpath.
- 7) Winter storms blew down a 6 panel section of a house garden adjacent to The Blue Lagoon. Shortly afterwards, a large tree fell across the steps top off Hockley Lane. The County Council reacted swiftly to officially close the path (Ashover 38) for safety. The tree has been cut back and the fence is mended!
- 8) Cut backs and drainage work has been undertaken on bridle path 140('The Trossacks') near Kelstedge, partially to control surface

water. Volunteers were helped in their work by a donation of tools and safety equipment by Derbyshire County Council.

9) Work to clear the stone slabs on Footpath 48(Butts Corner) has been undertaken, as well as the removal of some overhanging trees. Flood damage to the old clapper bridge has been reported to D.C.C.

10) Damaged or life expired wooden finger posts have been reported to D.C.C. For instance, the posts at Hillside (opposite Weavers Cottage) on path 43 and Holstonegate Road (Path 146) await replacement.

11) Volunteers replaced a life expired stile on Footpath 49 near Butts Chapel.