

## RIGHTS OF WAY FROM JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2019

- 1) Thanks to Rights of Way, cut backs have been undertaken on Vernon Lane (Ashover 140). This is particularly helpful at the uphill end, where bracken is an overgrowth problem. Judicious pruning of overhanging branches has been done by Volunteers.
- 2) The long job of clearing vegetation around footpath stiles has included those on Footpath 37, close to The Show Fields, 89 and 90 in Milltown and 26 to the north of Littlemoor.
- 3) Thanks to a member of the local tree group, a fallen tree has been removed from across Ashover 58 : up the hill and steps opposite to the sewerage works. A day later, the same volunteer removed a tree from across Vernon Lane (Ashover 140).
- 4) The D.C.C. grant for The Parish Council has been used to trim Quarry Lane, Alton (Footpath 23). Other work has included: parts of Coffin Lane (145); Abraham's Lane (136); The Sheepwash (153) and the path down to Roughclose Farm from High Oredish (135).
- 5) Local volunteers have replaced a handrail at the very top of the steps up from the stepping stones at Butts Quarry (Path 57). The opportunity was taken to provide a post to help the crossing of the awkward stone stile.
- 6) Footpath 92, behind The Miners' Arms at Milltown, was blocked by the building of a trench along part of it, to provide a water supply to the quarry. The Rights of Way officer was speedy in his action to remedy the problem, within two days. Blocking a footpath without permission is looked on in law in a similar way to if the M 1 was closed for non- urgent reasons, without notice.