

FOOTPATH WORK SINCE NOVEMBER 11TH

- 1) Waymarking has taken place around Spancarr Cottage and Slatehouse Farm. Footpaths 128/130.
 - 2) Footpath 81, at the bottom of Berridge Lane, has reappeared from under its tanglement of bramble etc.
 - 3) Cut backs, as part of the grant through The Parish Council, have cleared the surface on Abrahams Lane (Bridleway 136). The path has been widened at the Ashover end. A large tree was also removed, with the help of one of the Tree Group.
 - 4) Dangerous semi fallen trees have been removed from across 143, near Fall Mill.
 - 5) A new gate was positioned on 111 near the junction with 112 by the Countryside Service. This is to help keep sheep in, who have worked out how to get through the old, stone squeeze stile.
 - 6) A further section of wall by The Fabric has been repaired by The Countryside Side Service. Some of the stone had fallen across the road. Conservation work on The Fabric on January 9th involved one Countryside Ranger and volunteers : Two from Ashover, Ashover Hay (2), Milltown (2), Littlemoor (1) ,North Wingfield (1),Clay Cross (2),Danesmoor (1).The work involved removing roadside trees, which were damaging the wall and other small trees on the south side of the rock, in conjunction with identified work on the environmental; plan. The path formed on this side of the area has also been widened.
- Similar work took place on Sunday January 25th – the same number of volunteers but 4 were different. The view from The Rock to Ogston was improved as well as a continuance of the previous work.

7) An improved crossing of a ditch near Raven House on 93 was completed by The Countryside Service just before Christmas, thanks to the co-operation of the land owners.

8) The Countryside Service has repaired a faulty gate near The Miners' Arms (Footpath 90).

9) The footpath behind Coldharbour Farm (footpath 77) has received a good cut back through the gorse. The views from the trig. point are some of the best in The Parish.

10) With help from The Tree Group, a dangerous tree was removed from across Footpath 62 through Milltown Quarry.

11) Thanks to the owner, Footpath 51(Butts Road) now has a nice squeeze stile at the eastern end.

12) Further work has been done on the surface of Bridleway 145, with the help of a mini digger provided and used by the Countryside Service. Improvements help to provide a less demanding ride for horse riders and some improvement to drainage. The situation will continue to be monitored. Already, the bridleway can be used, when recently it could hardly be found, in this area.