

Project Newsletter No.9 - October 2001

Here are this winter's work session dates, fresh off the press!

Footpath Renovation

This session will continue the improvement work to the paths at the top of Brookside Drive that we started last year. The intention is to restore the footpath connecting the Bridleway with Thoresby road.

The work plan will be similar to 2000 - removing all the washed down material and encroaching vegetation, to restore the path to its full original width. Resurfacing with fresh stone, if required, will take place at a later date - possibly in the New Year.

I have already installed two water diverters on the footpath above this section in order to prevent further accumulation of sand on the restored paths. At present they appear to be working!

Some of the removed material can be used to fill in the ruts on the badly eroded steep path, descending from the main outcrop. Due to erosion this path is beginning to move sideways, and is dangerous in places.

This work will take place on both 21st October and 18th November. Please bring your favourite spade and work gloves. Both sessions will start at 10.30am, meeting at the top of Sandy Lane as usual.

Tree Maintenance

For a change of scenery, we are going to turn our attention to the eastern side of Sandy Lane.

Through lack of continuous maintenance there are many trees with damaged branches, and some that are encroaching across the paths. Hence there is need for some pruning/tidying.

To (roughly) coincide with National Tree Week, this session will take place on 2nd December. Meet at the usual time (10.30) at the playground just off Markham Road. Please bring a bowsaw and/or loppers, as well as work gloves.

Litter Pick

Although members regularly remove the more visible litter whilst on their travels, there is always some that cannot be reached due to the undergrowth. During winter the vegetation has died back and most wildlife is dormant, so this is a good opportunity to get in all those hard to reach places and give the area a through 'new year' clean.

Hopefully, we should be able to cover the whole ridge in the given time. **So on 13th January 2002; meet at the playground just off Markham Road, at 10.30. Please bring a few bin liners and your work gloves. A stick may be usefully to fish out difficult to reach litter.**