

NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – AUG/SEP 23

Footpath Officer:

Another quiet month for practical work with only one hour work carried out to keep the new growth in check. The Footpath Officer strimmed FP7 (Trout Lane – Wisdom Lane).

We were scheduled to have the annual HCC contractor cut in August, and (at time of writing) nothing has been done. I was previously advised that it had slipped into at least September, so I hope that in is imminent. As I reported last month, this is actually a blessing in disguise, as it will clear the late summer growth, and thus reduce our effort in the autumn.

Lengthsman Tasks carried out in September

I tasked the Lengthsman with only 1 hour of work in September which was to strim significant nettle growth on the north end of FP 21 (A343 – Gastons Farm - Bent Street) around the old farm/industrial buildings. This has been completed successfully.

Lengthsman Tasks Set for October

As trailed last month, I have tasked the Lengthsman with 6.5 hours work this coming month clearing and checking the five big road drains on Farley Street between Stewarts Bridge and Winton House, the road drain under the bridge at Bent Street, and the drainage grip opposite the Pump Station at the Heathman Street/Stockbridge road junction. Footpath strimming tasks are the FPs off School Lane (FPs 2 and 3).

Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look

The work in September will bring the remaining budget down to £325.50. This still gives us headroom for further work on drains/grips in the later autumn/winter, and some capacity to respond to unforeseen tasks.

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