

Cradley Parish Council : Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : July 2015

Dear Councillors ,

Your Cradley & Storrige Lengthman and P3 Team have had a very busy month . We managed to carry out 5 full days of both Public Realm and Footpath [PROW] work in several areas of the parish and enjoyed good weather on most occasions . In general , we are receiving positive comment and appreciation from parishioners for our work although this is frequently accompanied with some additional problem to report ! The team hope that our efforts are making a positive difference to our villagescape .

- During the month the scheme has invested in a Professional Quality Grass Trimmer [Kawasaki 45cc model] so as to give our lengthman the correct tool for the large amount of verge cutting in the parishes .
- As you may have seen , branch toppings and overhanging tree overgrowth is being stored , temporarily , alongside the work areas until the Autumn . By this time the wood should be dry and free of leaf matter and can then be burnt , small material chipped and larger material removed to a bonfire site for the Red Lion for November 5th .
- Reconnoitre work has been undertaken on Crumpton Hill Road and approx. one dozen Cradley PROW's walked , surveyed and in several cases , R & M work , waymarking , veg clearance , etc undertaken .
- A busy month with the admin side too . We now get a steady flow of complaints , problems , requests , etc to deal with , add to our databases and plan to deal with if possible .
- We will be giving priority to work on the basis of dealing with all our jobs in a specific area before moving on to the next location .
- Season , prevailing weather conditions , urgency , hazard responses , etc will be taken into account as appropriate .
- July+ has seen us in the following areas :

P3 WORK :

Kingsbridge	CD34	New steps , handrails ,signposts , path clearance
Huntingdon	CD29	Complete clearance of old Ash tree hedges
St Katherine's	CD29	Commenced work of sorting out Sandy Lane to include signage , tree lopping , path clearance , drainage , etc [big job]

PUBLIC REALM :

Brookside	Completion of cutting back overhang veg , clear road debris , strimming verges , etc .
Poundbridge Area	Finished clearing overhang vegetation at Poundbridge , clear pathways , painting Poundbridge and handrails . Generally tidy up the area .
Kingsbridge Area	Eureka – We finally cleared the Kingsbridge Culvert s [now all clear] , logged up , strimmed , cleared drainage channels etc . Also cleared road signage and cleaned all local Signage .
C1162	Cut back hedge to improve visibility [E. Cradley] . Safety issue
St Katherine's	Lengthman work started on Sandy Lane [WIP]

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