

Cradley Parish Council :

Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : November 2016

Dear Councillors ,

Winter has finally arrived and the prevailing weather conditions are dictating just which jobs can be undertaken each Saturday . I have a long list of work on my data bases so we are able to adjust to the wx each week , switching from PROW work to Infrastructure work as appropriate . November has been another productive month .

- Good weather early in the month enabled Jeremy and me to complete the painting of both Kingsbridge and Poundbridge railings before winter set in thus ensuring good visibility during the dark nights .
- As promised at our October CPC Meeting , your L/P3 team duly completed the strimming and clearance of the children's adventure / play area at Chapel Lane recreation site . I have also advised upon a suitable future Maintenance Programme which needs to be implemented by the Recreation Working Group in order to prevent the creation of an unusable / overgrown facility .
- At Chockbury Lane , CD-51 has had a full makeover and construction of steps , handrails , veg clearance and roadside waymarking . The full length of CD-51 has been cleared and waymarked .
- In Lumbridge Woods , the ponded areas of the CD-33 path have been drained following the disruptions by the forestry activities .
- Annual R & M work has been carried out to verges , stiles , gulleys , signage , overhang vegetation , etc along the whole of the Vinesend Lane .
- BRIDLEWAYS IN CRADLEY PARISH :

For many years , many our bridleways have been neglected and indeed many are impossible to use by our many horse riders in the parish . Jeremy and I have set out to get this sorted . It will take time to bring some of these Bridleways back into use but as a public access issue it will be a good thing to achieve .

A start has been made . CD-41 [Which starts at Quarry House , Upper Vinesend] is overgrown and impassable as a bridleway and is now being cleared . This , in due course will open up several other bridleways and create some circular rides through Six Acre Wood and along to Croft Bank . More anon .

- One good weather-day could enable us to get right up to date with our pothole work – a red letter date to come !
- Couincillors are reminded that we would much appreciate regular input to our data base when they become aware of parish infrastructure issues which could be addressed by the team .
- December is likely to be a truncated month due to the Xmas period with the emphasis on more PROW work of which there is such a backlog .

Work carried out in November included :

PROW [P3]

- CD- 51 , CD-33 , CD-36 , CD-41

LENGHTSMAN SITES

- U65627 , U65620 , U65621 , Chapel Lane Rec Area
- H3, H1 , C3 , H5 , H4 , D2 ,

Geoff Fielding [Scheme Administrator]

