

Cradley Parish Council :

Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [ P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : December 2016

Dear Councillors ,

A shortened month for your L/P3 Team due to our Xmas break . We start again on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 .I can report that we have been concentrating on our winter maintenance programme this month together with some work on the PROW network .

Footpath CD-10 [ Quiet Woman to Whitwell Holiday Cottages ] has now been restored to use and waymarked , having felled and cleared some 20+ fallen trees and dense scrub which had rendered the path unsafe / un-usable . Also some dry stone wall work done .

At Chapel Lane / Huntingdon the footways , highway and storm debris at Poundbridge have been cleared and Dog litter notice board re-erected .

Sandy Lane has been completely tidied up as has the area at Shepherds Hey .

Finchers Corner to Kingsbridge : Footways and Highway have been cleared of soil /detritus /dead leaves , etc .and swept .

The two culverts at Kingsbridge have been cleared [ 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year ! ] of a veritable bank of timber and flotsam and jetsam [ lady's high heal boot included , White ] .

At Lumbridge Wood fallen tree cleared and several drainage - cuts dug along the footpath to aid safer walking .

At Vinesend Lane extensive work to clear gulleys , cut and maintain grips and strimming of verges as necessary .

AT Upper Vinesend , CD41 has had updated Bridleway signage erected and further work on clearing the bridleway .

Recent updates : Our lengthsman , Jeremy Phillips , has recruited 5 of his workmates who are prepared to give Cradley Parish their two days per year of free labour [ a B-B perk ] in order to construct the urgently needed retaining wall at Poundbridge . B-B are on the case and I expect the project to progress as soon as B-B complete their Wildlife Survey at the site . Fingers crossed and more anon .

Cradley PC's Expression of Interest Application [ for L/P3 grant support ] for 2017-2018 has been lodged with Balfour-Beatty . This will be the last year of grant support from B-B / HCC . In January I hope to submit a new Annual Maintenance Plan to B-B , as required as a condition of grant aid .

Pothole work in the new year will be dependent upon suitable weather conditions and the setting up of a Credit account with a Hereford Plant Hire Company [ Speedy Services Ltd ] as the most cost effective way to obtain the occasional use of items such as Wacker Plates and Pneumatic Breakers . Approval from CPC will be sought in due course for the setting up of the account .

Geoff Fielding [ Scheme Administrator ]