

## Cradley Parish Council :

### Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [ P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : March 2017

Dear Councillors ,

This month , March , brought us to the end of the 2016 2017 Financial year . Our Lengthsman Jeremy has completed some nine months work , having commenced work in July 2016 . Jeremy has been a real revelation , bringing great experience of the work , total commitment to our Cradley Parish and a wonderful work ethic and flawless integrity . We are blessed with such a rare asset . I cannot speak too highly of him . He always goes the extra mile to get the work done and is a delight to work with .

The weather proved to be fickle indeed during the month and not best suited to good pothole repair work . However , my April report will confirm that that month got off to a good start with the re-commencement of essential pothole repair work . In March we have concentrated on PROW work and made excellent progress .

The Lengthsman Scheme has begun work on the recreation areas and these will feature , henceforth , in my reports .

On the Lengthsman front :

- Huntingdon : completed the fence repairs , painting and strimming work
- At Rectory Lane / C1162 , the final [ sixth ] Dog Bin has been erected and commissioned . The forecast total weight of waste collections is estimated to be around 700-750 kg per annum based upon the first 6 month monitoring .
- Sided out kerbways at The Leys [ C1162 ]
- Buryfields Rec Area : taken control of Litter Bin management . Site survey of R&M needed and plan developed .
- U65627 [ Vinesend Lane ] . Carried out grip cutting and drainage work [ WIP ]

PROW work :

- CD-51 New signage at A4103 Junction , near New INN
- CD-78 Removed old bridge remains and constructed new 16'-0" footbridge , midway twixt A4013 and Beanhouse Farm [ Big Job ] . All heavy materials and equipment manually carried to site [ approx. . 1 tonne carried . circa total trek of some 5-6 miles ] . Now back in use having been painted , new steps and new waymark post .
- CD-41 . Jeremy continued the WIP as a solo effort and has almost broken through to the top ridge . We should soon be able to get the Bridleway from Upper Vinesend to the top of the ridgeway path back in equine use . A real achievement . difficult , heavy work .
- CD-36 . Logged up and cleared fallen trees on the path above Church Stile Farm .
- CD-31A Strimmed the whole length of this footpath which adjoins two sides of the Buryfields Recreation Area .

ps Reports are coming in currently that the winter conditions have created a significant number of new potholes on the Coombe Lane and Suckley roads especially Greenhill and Halesend areas . I plan to engage with our Locality Steward ,soon , to get a plan for repairs based upon shared work between CPC and B-Beatty .

Geoff Fielding [ Scheme Administrator ]