

Shelf and District Community Group

Environment report 2

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On Fri 25 Apr I did another short tour of the area to check on the Soaper Lane/ Lion Gate area. I drove slowly along Soaper Lane from Cooper Lane to Stanage Lane but found no evidence of fly tipping, the verges were remarkably clear of rubbish.

I then went along Stanage Lane past Lions Gate to Brackens Lane where I had previously seen the fly tipping. Happily it's been cleared from the lay-by so thanks to Cllr Peter Caffrey for that. Maybe the same crew who cleared that rubbish also cleared any from Stanage Lane but whatever the case, that's a good result.

After Brackens Lane I went to check out something I had seen previously at the end of Bridge Lane, a curious hand painted sign, see the photo set below with comments.

Earlier in the week I also saw that the yellow lines have been re-done around Shelf J&I following my request to Cllr Roger Taylor at a PACT (**P**olice **A**nd **C**ommunity **T**ogether) meeting, so once again many thanks to Cllr Taylor for a good, speedy result.

There has been no progress on the clearing of the steps/public footpath alongside The Duke William but I hope to speak to Cllr Caffrey in the near future about a plan of action for that and also Bridge Lane (see below) which is part of the BRONTE WAY public footpath.

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This is the entrance to Bridge Lane from South Lane, it was closed to motor vehicles from this end some years back following an unfortunate incident. Originally this was a gated closure but that's now been replaced with this hotch-potch of assorted bollards. Just out of shot to the right a bollard has been removed which now gives access to motor vehicles with the obvious result seen in the following shots.



Further down Bridge Lane it's been churned into a quagmire of muddy ruts and hollows, clearly some large vehicles have been down this section. You can just see on the right where a load of spoil has been dropped, is this more fly-tipping?

This section of the lane is part of the BRONTE WAY public footpath, in this condition I would be surprised if anyone walks along it, it's a disgrace and a shame on our community.



A bit dark this shot, not helped by the great piles of black mud/spoil dumped in front of the wall.



This is the sign that first got my attention, it reads – “THIS ONCE LOVELY LANE WILL BE BACK TO ITS FORMER GLORY WITH A LOT OF HELP – MR CROSSLEY”. I cannot imagine it’s me being referred to so I’d like to speak to the artist (Mr Crossley?) to get his thoughts on a plan of action. Anyone know who he is?