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Workday at Eastfield Avenue, Penistone.

Sunday 1st April 2012

We couldn't have wished for a lovelier day - although the forecast was for a cool, cloudy day, in fact we had wall to wall sunshine. It may have been this which kept people away; certainly there were fewer of us than usual, but despite this we got a lot done and made real improvements to the Trail.



A lot of people use the Trail for short distances here – as a short cut to the station, for example, or as a pleasant route to the shops. Many of them expressed their gratitude for the work we were doing; some shook their heads and told us the improvements would be short-lived and it would be as bad again in a week or so. Whether that's so or not, the pleasant environment we left behind is more likely to encourage social behaviour than the litter-strewn, graffiti-ridden one we found, and for the pleasure it will give to the majority of those who use it, it was well worth doing.



There was plenty of variety, in terms of work, on the day – if you liked litter-picking you could do that, or if you fancied a bit of sawing there were numbers of tiny trees to remove; or you could turn your hand to painting, or rubbing graffiti from the noticeboards. Or you could do a bit of one and then swap onto something else.



In contrast to our recent workdays further along the Trail towards Dunford Bridge, we had not only warm sunny weather, but also benches to sit on for our breaks. And with fewer of us, there were more biscuits to go round – a distinct advantage with the jammy dodgers!

We'll probably pick up where we left off for the next workday, unless the forthcoming survey turns up more pressing work. You are very welcome to join us for the **survey**, which will take place on Sunday April 15th, subject to final confirmation. We shall be setting off from Penistone at about 10am, and walking through to Dunford Bridge, assessing the Trail as we go, and talking to the people we meet. From this we'll be able to organise workdays which best meet the needs of this section of the Trail, and the people who use it.

Come and join us on our next workday – **Sunday 29th April** (tbc) - Lopping, chopping, and chatting; Litter-picking, Painting, and Polishing! Plus - free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Please visit the website for further information, and to see more pictures of this and previous workdays.

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