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Workday at Bridge Street Bridge, Penistone. (Take Two)

Sunday 1st July 2012

Unfortunately Kate is still unwell and has not been able to make this month's planned workday and I offered to lead in her absence – last month it was planned to paint Bridge Street Bridge but due to the weather we were unable to do so. This month was a slightly different story, yes it was windy and you could feel the rain in the air and sometimes feel droplets on your face. After an inspection of the area from the bridge to the Skate Park it was decided to go ahead and paint the bridge.



I returned to the car park at St John's Community Centre with my eldest son where we were met by Paul Winterton. We off loaded the paint and brushes and made our way to the bridge. Upon looking at the bridge we decided it was not a good idea to climb over the other side to paint the side facing the road, (a) there was at least a 30ft drop to the road below and (b) we did not have any safety equipment or risk assessment in place to cover such an attempt!! We decided that it would be easier to reach through the bars and try and paint them that way.



Progress was pretty quick with painting the large panels, the time consuming bit was painting the bars. We also had to be careful because if we put too much paint on our brushes and the wind caught it then passing vehicles under the bridge could potentially get a lick of paint as well. Fortunately there was a good two foot after the railings that protected the vehicles below. The weather held out pretty well with the occasional drop off rain which did not deter us and in fact spurred us on to get the job finished.

Unfortunately the weather got the better of us and we had to stop around 1 o'clock, you could see the rain rolling in from the hills over the pennines. We were lucky due to the wind as this helped dry the paint and it was slightly tacky to the touch when we left. As you can see from the final picture we aren't any Michelangelo's in the making but we have transformed a once gritty covered bridge, in to something of beauty, well maybe not beauty but certainly no longer an eye sore.



The next workday is planned for the **Sunday 5th August**, hopefully Kate will be well enough to lead, so come and join us on our next workday for some Lopping, chopping, and chatting (as Kate says); plus some Litter-picking, Painting, and Polishing! And I can't forget the 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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