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Workday at Bridge Street Bridge, Penistone.

Saturday 9th June 2012

Unfortunately Kate was unable to attend her planned workday this month and I offered to lead along with Paul Winterton in her absence – it was planned that we would paint the bridge at Bridge Street, but the weather was set against us. Overall it was not a bad day and the sun did break through a handful of times, only to be beaten back by the clouds and drizzle of rain. After a quick inspection by Paul and myself, we decide to put the painting off and continue from where we left off on the last workday.



After a quick brief by myself, we got started. Paul quickly felled a tree which we had started at the last workday, but didn't have time to finish. Ian gave a lending hand to one of the residents who's back garden backed onto the trail. The elderly gentleman was tidying the path that lead onto trail and Ian kindly removed some of the branches that was obstructing his way.



My son Corey, Pat and Bob (Bob is a new ranger for the Penistone to Kirkburton stretch which hasn't officially open yet) got stuck in and started removing the young saplings along the edge of the trail, whilst Linda did some litter picking. At 11:30 I went to put the kettle on, but my in-car adaptor was not strong enough to boil the kettle and the kind ladies at the community centre let me boil the kettle in their kitchen. During our respite,



we again discussed the bridge and we all felt the weather could not be trusted. So we continued our efforts between St John's Community and Bridge Street Bridge.

We had been forewarned of an equestrian endurance ride taking place along this stretch of the TPT and we had been expecting them in the morning. However they did not show up until the afternoon. This gave us the opportunity to watch the riders go past and see which parts of the trail were causing them a nuisance.



Bob got stuck in to a particular problematic Hawthorne bush with help from Pat and Linda, the remainder started on the concrete part of the trail cutting back all the foliage the was hindering the trail users on the concrete path. We got a number of positive comments from everyone who passed, some dirtier than others, especially the mountain bikers. It looked like they had been rolling around in the mud, they were that dirty. The day ended on a high and as we packed up our equipment, the sun finally broke through and the grey skies were banished.

The next workday is planned for the **Sunday 1st July**, 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.



Before



After



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