



## Workday on the Cudworth Spur 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012



Compared to the last workday that I ran on the Cudworth Spur today was a vast improvement on the weather front. Clear blue skies, the sun was out, the temperature was registering 19°C when we parked the car at 0940hrs, which made our task even easier. The last workday was cancelled, well I say cancelled, I turned up and waited 20 mins, got soaked to the skin literally and with no other rangers in sight I headed home for a hot cuppa and a change of clothing.

Today was very much different, shorts and T Shirt was the dress, with hats to keep the sun off our heads and our buff scarf's used to keep the sun off our necks and suntan lotion on our arms to protect them.



I had decided back in January that May would be right for painting the cast iron signs. I have to admit with the recent bad weather I thought I may have to put it back. Luckily the weather was perfect.



We started on the two situated a Lundwood/Cudworth Spur Junction, as these had been badly defaced and had been on my radar for a number of months. We gave each sign a coat of black paint and by the time we had finished the second sign the first was ready for its second coat. Once completed we started painting the lettering which was the slowest part of the task. My son was a great help and without him I would of still been out painting.



Once completed, we moved out towards the cast iron sign at Stairfoot. Again we started with the black paint making sure not to spill any. Once the second coat was on and dry, I sent Corey for a well earned milkshake from McDonalds, whilst I started the small lettering.

We had a number of positive comments from the public, but like always, no offers for them to get their hands dirty. One comment in particular was good, we were referred to as artists, which made me chuckle, if you get up close and personal with the signs you'll see we haven't got a steady hand between us.

The signs are not completely finished as we still need to do the red and green section, but at least you'll be able to read the directions without having to look at the graffiti. Next workday is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone knows of an area that could do with some TLC, let me know because as of yet I have not got anything planned.



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