



Workday Between Bullhouse Bridge and Hazlehead Bridge

Saturday 2nd March 2013

Saturday 2nd March was a brilliant day – it was warm and sunny from start to finish, we had two new saws to play with and, thanks to Sue Bavister, there were homemade flapjacks! Paul Glover (our Bird Officer) spotted a green woodpecker and a jay, and heard a tawny owl; layers of clothing were removed, knees appeared. Perhaps we should stop now while the going is good - and before any more knees appear!

We were working out in no man's (or woman's) land, midway between Bullhouse Bridge and Hazlehead Bridge, and a 12-minute walk from either. Whichever way you set off you wondered whether it might not have been quicker from the other direction.



This area of the Trail has quietly been sprouting trees while no one was looking; leaving a tunnel for walkers and cyclists, and not much room at all for horse riders unless they were lying down on the horse. Lopping, chopping, and chatting – and some dextrous wielding of the tree-pruning saw - restored light and height to the Trail quite quickly.

It's always surprising though, how much more there is of a tree when it's lying on the ground, waiting to be trimmed into a habitat pile, than there was when it was standing on end! Jacob and Oliver (left) made a good team, working together to take some of the wood away.



Fungi!

The views from this part of the Trail are – potentially - exceptional. If it wasn't for the jumble of new tree growth all along one side, there would be extensive views across the sweep of the valley to the high moors and spinning windmills opposite.

We're working at this site again on Wednesday 13th March and – if the weather continues cold – on Saturday 6th April as well. Work will involve cutting back the overhead branches, enhancing the seating area and, if there's time, opening up some of that vista!

Our next workdays are:-

Wednesday 13th March. Meet on the Trail at [Hazlehead Bridge](#) at 10am
Saturday 6th April. Details to be confirmed

Come and join us!

For further information, and to see more pictures of this and previous workdays, please visit the website:



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