

Workday Near Hazlehead Bridge

Saturday 6th October 2012

Having received several apologies from people who couldn't make the workday, for one reason or another, I did wonder if it would just be me working busily away on the Trail - more biscuits of course, but less lopping and chopping, and certainly no chatting. I needn't have worried however, as other people soon appeared, the sun shone nicely, and it turned out to be a very productive day.

You will know only too well how badly overshadowed the Trail is between Shore Hall Lane and Hazlehead Bridge – and particularly so west of the Minewater Project board. This autumn and winter the Saturday workdays are targeting this stretch, beginning at Hazlehead and working east towards Shore Hall Lane - midweek workdays will zip about like the flying doctor; providing instant remedy and improvement! (The next midweek workday is **Weds 24th Oct**)



We did run a workday towards Hazlehead last March in driving snow - as some brave (and now thawed) people will remember - but otherwise we have generally just grumbled about the way the trees encroach upon the Trail out there, and make it Dark. On Saturday we began the fight back...and straight away the sun streamed on to the Trail: it was as though somebody had switched a light on. It was so delightful in fact that we decided to sit down in the sunshine and have our coffee break!

Working on an embankment made building habitat piles quite difficult - without losing the volunteers or the pile down the bank, and with people enthusiastically sawing away we had to be quick at working out where they could go – by the time one was organised, we needed another! We had two very willing young workers, as well as the older ones. It was soon clear who had listened closely to the instructions, and I'm sorry to say it was not the adults! Thanks to Lucy and Elsa for working so hard all day - and trying to keep the adults in line ☺



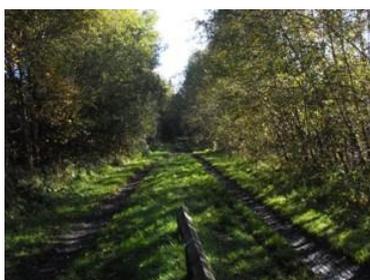
Lopping, Chopping, Chatting – and Cake!

Our next regular workday will mark one year since we began. We shall be christening the new kettle and 4 pint teapot, and celebrating with cake, as well as the usual free tea, coffee, and biscuits. Do come and join us if you can!

Saturday 3rd November Bullhouse Bridge 10am – 4.30pm

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

<http://tptcv.btck.co.uk/>



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