

## Workday near Bullhouse Bridge

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

Saturday dawned with blue skies and bright sunshine....very like that first workday back in November 2011, when I imagined we would have completed the whole section by lunchtime. We are slightly wiser now about how much work we can get through in a day, and we *have* begun to make recognisable improvements to the Trail – I think a couple more days should do it....



The workday on 3<sup>rd</sup> November marked one year since we began; we also signed the group's constitution and christened the big new kettle and shiny 4 pint tea pot and - if that wasn't enough excitement - we also had Chocolate Cake, and a new tree-pruning saw to play with!

The plan for the workday – apart from the jollifications - was simply to finish removing the overhanging foliage between Bullhouse Bridge and Ecklands Bridge, and clean up the access. We had already done quite a bit of work here on midweek workdays so it was at least possible, but you know how it is: people will talk to each other, especially if the sun shines - sometimes they like to stop Lopping and Chopping altogether and just Chat, as if they were there to enjoy themselves!



The kettle took longer to boil than we expected, and at one point it looked as though we would be having the coffee stop with the lunch break. Technical expertise was applied (Kettle-Sheltering) and the kettle eventually boiled merrily and provided us with steaming cups of tea and coffee to go with our celebratory chocolate cake. The sun shone, the constitution was signed, and the teapot didn't drip!



If you haven't been along this section of the Trail for a while, do go and have a look. We've worked very hard to improve it and we think you'll notice a big difference - almost all the overhanging branches have gone; it's much lighter, free of litter, and there's a clear view of the Millennium Bridge as you approach from Penistone.

Our next workday will tackle a very shady stretch midway between Leapings Lane and Ecklands Bridge. Free tea (including herbal!), coffee, and biscuits are now supplied at all workdays – do come and join us if you can!

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** Leapings Lane/Bullhouse Bridge **10.30am – 4pm**

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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