

Workday near Hazlehead Bridge

Wednesday 16th January 2013

If the workday on Wednesday 9th January was like an early spring day, we were in no doubts about which season we were in on the 16th. I had to stow the tea box on the back seat of the car because the boot was frozen shut – it wasn't locked, just frozen. And even after I'd driven all the way to Hazlehead, the boot was still frozen shut! Unfortunately the tools were in there – by a stroke of genius I had put them there the night before, to save time in the morning. Happily, we were able to retrieve them by letting the seats down – otherwise it would have been a *very* short workday indeed.

We did manage to turn the iciness to advantage, by using a sledge to tow some of the equipment along to the worksite - returning to the same section each time, the worksite gets a little further away all the time. We get to admire our handiwork on the way there and the way back of course – but we also see the bits we've missed!

We had John, Kim, and Scott (the BMBC Rangers) working with us – always a pleasure. They get a lot more work done, a lot more quickly, than we do – their chainsaws slice through branches “like a knife through butter”



(to quote several people on the day) and there always comes a moment when someone says “We ought to have a chainsaw!” But where was the chipper to deal with all this cut wood? Hmm? To chip the branches into the trailer (present) and take it away? It was in Kingston. Er, where? Kingston-Upon-Hull! The wood - we are assured - *will* be removed from the sides of the Trail in due course....

Although it was a cold day, there was no wind and the sun shone so, as long as we kept busy, we were warm enough. We'd had problems persuading the kettle to boil in the afternoon on previous workdays, because the calor gas got so cold it refused to work. Some technical engineering (several layers of bubble wrap, an anti-snow platform, and a hot water bottle) meant the kettle boiled in a twinkling this time, and we had hot cups of tea and coffee to go with our penguins (chocolate, not arctic!).

(Click on the photos to see a larger version.)

The next 3 workdays will also be at Hazlehead: **meet** on the Trail at [Hazlehead Bridge](#) at **10am**
February 2nd (Saturday), **13th** and **20th** (Wednesdays) **10am – 4pm**

Spring/Summer Meeting:

The Spring/Summer Meeting will be held on **Thursday 31st January at 7.30pm** at The Huntsman, Thurlstone. All are welcome – active, passive, lapsed, not-quite-made-it-yet – we will be reviewing the past year and discussing work and projects for the months ahead. If you don't like meetings, come along later and join us for a drink!

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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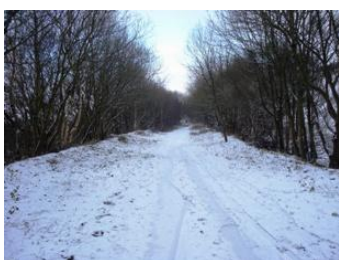
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