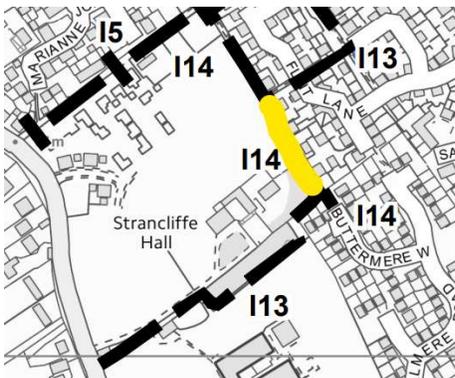


Task #	21-23	Date:	2 nd Dec	Review Date:	Nov 2022
	Meet:	Buttermere Way			
	Summary:	Clear overgrowth from hedges alongside paths			
	Volunteers:	3			
	Time:	13:30	15:30		
	Weather:	Cold and damp			

A small group of volunteers were able to meet up at short notice after the original task was postponed. Approx 210 whips were planted in total. 60 hawthorn whips were planted on the towpath on Wednesday 1st December and the remaining 150 mixed whips were then planted along the footpath between Buttermere Way and Strancliffe Lane.

The whips were donated by Bill from Seagrave Nurseries and Richard from Proctors Park and were a mixture of species as follows: The 150 crataegus monogyna – hawthorn, 10 prunus spinosa – blackthorn, 10 cornus sanguinea - common dogwood, 10 cornus avellana – hazel, 10 ilex aquifolium – holly and 10 rosa carina - dog rose.

We've also had a donation of plastic protectors from the Canal and River Trust. Thanks to all those that have contributed to getting these whips planted.



Karen – along the towpath near to the Navigation Inn



Tight to the existing hedge so they will not encroach onto the towpath



View of the whips looking up from Buttermere Way towards Strancliffe Lane



View of the whips looking back towards Buttermere Way

Planting the whips along the towpath involved an area approx. 15m in length that was planted mainly as single line. The ground was easy to dig and approx. 60 hawthorn whips were used.

It was much harder the plant the mixed whips between Buttermere and Strancliffe Lane. The whole area was over 60m in length and was full of builder's waste from the recent developments, plus we were planting the hedge 3 or 5 deep where it was possible to do so, supplementing the birch whips we planted early in the year. Some of the whips had considerable amount of root growth so needed much bigger holes too.

Both areas will take at least 3 -5 years to establish and will need to be looked after during that time by volunteers.

Next Task:

Thursday 10.00 9th December

Location: [Barrowcliffe Close](#)

Thanks everyone – great work

