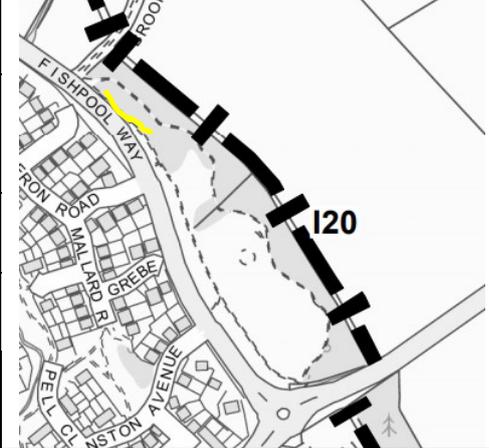


Task #	21-01	Date:	1 st April	Review Date:	Jan 22
		Meet:	Millennium Park Entrance		
		Summary:	Clear overgrown grass from cinder paths. Some litter Picking.		
		Volunteers:	6 Footpaths 2 Litter Pickers		
		Time:	10:00	11:30	
		Weather:	Dry and cool.		

It was great to finally re-start the group again. We are currently limited to 6 in a group but hopefully if all goes well, that can increase in the coming weeks or months.

After 2 days of stunning sunshine, and temperatures in the high teens, it was back to normal today, dry and cool. But being dry didn't really help with the task today – in fact it made it hard work!



The Cinder paths around the park have definitely got fair a bit of wear and tear over the last 12 months.

More people than usual are using the green spaces around the village to enjoy some exercise and fresh air. Social distancing has also required people to step off the paths to make way and this has also made the grassy areas adjacent to the paths become quite muddy.

Grass and weed has become overgrown and the paths have narrowed significantly in places, especially around the lower path.

The last time we tackled clearing the paths was Jan 2019 – it was much wetter, which made is a lot easier.

Using only hand tools, namely hoes, spades, edge cutters, the volunteers carefully scrapped away a significant amount of grass and mud from the path.

Grass and soil removed from the path was left on site, in the thicket running alongside the top path. This will gradually wash into the ivy and other plant life under the tree canopy.





Whilst the group from the Footpaths Group were working on the lower path, 2 volunteers from the Community Litter Picking Group were out on the upper path and surrounding wooded areas clearing those areas of built up and blown litter.

Lots of rubbish was found in the various copses around the park including a piece of carpet! All reported to Charnwood Borough Council for collection by their environmental team.

Today, we managed approx 60m and will need to come back another day to continue.

The longer term plans will hopefully involve ensuring the path can be used by families with pushchairs and those with mobility issues.



Next Task:

Thursday **8th** April 10:00

Location: Pillings Lock

Thanks everyone – great work.