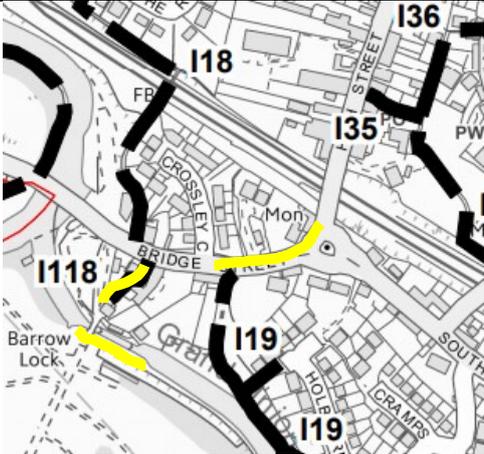


Task #	20-17	Date:	10 th Dec 20	Review Date:	Mar 21
	Meet:	<u>Meet at: Old Station Car park</u>			
	Summary:	Clear overgrown bramble, branches and Ivy along Bridge St/High St corner. Deep Lock jitty. Barrow Deep Lock area.			
	Volunteers:	11 split into 2 groups			
	Time:	10:00	12:00		
	Weather:	Dry, cool and some sun			

The corner of High St and Bridge Street was one of our very first locations to clear when we started our group 2 years ago and it's always lovely to come back to help clear it again. We were lined up to clear the area a couple of times this year as a group and both times we were prevented by lockdown restrictions. We had to settle for a light trim to tide it over before we were allowed to go in a group and give it a proper hard cut back.

As we had a large group today, 11 keen volunteers, including 2 new volunteers Karen and Margaret, we could easily split into 2 teams. One team started on the roundabout, the other team went on towards Deep Lock Jitty and the lock itself.



The team on the roundabout donned Hi-Vis vests as an additional safety measure as it's surprising just how busy this entrance into our village can be.

They soon got the area cut back and tidied up. They even cut back all the high level brambles that seem to go at an alarming rate any time of the year.



The other team made a swift start on clearing the weed and leaf debris from around Deep Lock jitty, as well as cutting back the shrub growing in the corner of the Severn Trent Pumping Station site.

They also started to clear an area around Barrow Deep Lock where recent storm damage had brought down a limb of a tree on top of some of the hedgerow trees. The fallen tree was cut back slightly to allow the hedgerow to grow in future years.



The team also ensured the fallen limb was made as safe as possible by removing broken branches to create a new habitat pile alongside the boundary of the hedgerow.

We also re-used the leaf debris from Deep Lock jitty to add to the new habitat area to help establish this new wildlife area as quickly as possible.

It is hoped that next year we can add either some wildflowers at the edge of the hedgerow or maybe some planters to the area to brighten up this popular area.

As the sun was out, the team were keen to carry on and we all walked along the length of the towpath towards the Navigation Inn to trim away any wayward brambles and ivy. An overhanging branch was removed as it was slowly getting lower under the weight of ivy.

Thanks again to the **Parish Council** for organising the brown bins with **Charnwood Borough Council**

Thanks everyone – great work.

Next Task:
Thursday **7th January** 10:00
Location: tbc