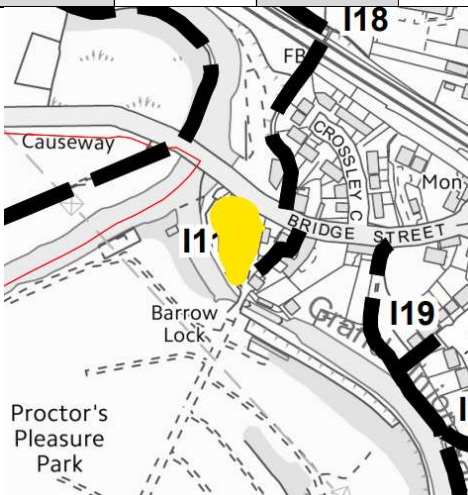


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| Task #  | 21-20   | Date: | 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 21 | Review Date: | Mar 22 |  |
|  | Meet:   |       | Bridge St amenity area  |              |        |  |
|   | Summary:  |       |                         |              |        |  |
|   | Clear weeds from gravel, trim back overgrown bramble, remove tree suckers |       |                         |              |        |  |
|   | Volunteers:   |       | 13                      |              |        |  |
|   | Time:   |       | 10:00                   | 12:30        |        |  |
|   | Weather:  |       | Dry and Mild            |              |        |  |

A great turn out today allowed us to make a great start on this **Barrow in Bloom** project.

This area on Bridge Street was in need of some care and attention to brighten it up and make it a wonderful space to come down to and enjoy some time looking out across the river.



Before we began the area around the benches was covered in weeds with bramble overgrowing the railings and tree suckers sprouting up in various places.

It was not a very inviting place to sit down while enjoying a walk along the towpath.



Our volunteers slowly began the remarkable transformation. And it was back breaking to say the least!

The gravelled top layer has worn away over many years of use and the path way through the area is almost indistinguishable from the gravelled bench area alongside it. Leaf debris from the mature trees around the area as settled alongside the wall, creating a natural home to weeds. Bramble bushes have been left for years without any cutting back or reduction and are taking over in certain places.



We were very kindly offered a refreshing break from the work by **Amie and the Soar Bridge** who provided much need **coffee/tea and biscuits** – needless to say they went down well with the team.

After this short break, they were back out again to try to finish off the task.





An amazing amount of work was completed in the 2 hours we were there today. The area is looking so much better. Still much more to do in future visits.

Over winter we will start building the planters from recycled pallets.

In spring we will start cleaning, sanding and oiling the benches.

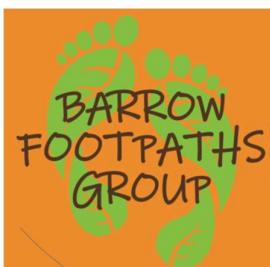
We hope to agree longer term plans to refresh the pathways too.

#### **Our fantastic volunteers:**

Linda, Andy, Steve, Karen, Nick, Soo, Philip, Pat, Julie, Andy, Margaret, Annette and Sam (not in photo).

Once again, many thanks from me – we all worked so hard today – great effort!

Thanks also to **Charnwood Borough Council** and **Serco** for the bins – it really helps.



#### **Next Task:**

Thursday 10.00 28<sup>th</sup> October

Location: Millennium Park

**Thanks everyone – great work.**