

Bulletin No 35 Recent work and news

Quite a lot has happened in the last month, so here is a summary – just to keep you up to date.

Tree height reduction

This work was carried out as planned, though the weather on the day was less than ideal. The Tree Officer has visited since, and was happy with the results. All the branches were chipped, and some of the chippings have now been used to surface the path and steps at the A64 end of the nature trail. We also used the chipper to process some of the branches which had accumulated near the entrance to the nature trail, to start tidying up the area – now completed.



Pedestrian gate to A64

Those of you who use this gate will know the post with the gate latch has been very wobbly for a while. It had rotted at ground level, and was only staying up because it was fixed to another post in the hedge. Jim and Peter replaced the post a few weeks ago.



Garden boundary at No 26

You might have noticed some orange tape on the ground in the car park next to No 26. This is marking out an area which the owners are going to enclose with a fence. They approached us about this last year, because the current boundary does not match the information at Land registry. We have consulted a solicitor about the matter, and it has been agreed that the boundary can be moved. Access to the rear of the neighbouring properties will not be affected.



A64 Conifer trim

Jim and Peter trimmed a conifer near the pedestrian crossing, to improve visibility for car drivers leaving the village, when looking towards Crambeck Bridge and beyond.

Polytunnel repaired

You might remember that the polytunnel had been damaged during some high winds around New Year. The cover had come off, and some parts of the frame were broken or bent. Andy repaired the broken tubes, and last week he and Peter reassembled the frame, straightened it, and re-fitted the cover. So it is now available for use again.



Memorial seat refurbishment

The circular seat near the post box, which is in memory of Barbara Mankin, has been removed temporarily, so it can be modified and refurbished. The trunk of the weeping ash tree in the centre of the seat has been growing, and was starting to touch, and grow around, the metal frame. Andy and Peter partly dismantled the seat, and it is now at Andy's, awaiting modification. It will be re-instated later in the year, with plenty of clearance around the tree.



River Derwent floods

The recent heavy rain meant the river flooded onto our land and for a few days the path was covered. At one stage, it looked as though the log seats at the viewpoint had been swept away, and there was a chance that the bridges might have floated away too. Luckily though, a few days later, they all emerged, and only one of the bridges had been displaced. It will be re-installed as soon as possible.



Best wishes

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