

Report from Rights of Way and Tree Group January 2021

Historic Walking Leaflet

At long last this has been produced and it will be up loaded to the website and mentioned in the Roundabout and Cllr Burbidge will create a Facebook page so people can access the Group's leaflets

Footpaths

- Work on the designation of a new footpath is in progress
- The possibility of creating additional new routes was discussed
- We purchased finger posts for the new footpath along the AWA road and another one for the junction of B7 and B8. These will be installed in the spring.

Trees

- Cllr Underwood met via Zoom with Tamsin Miles (HDC) arboriculture officer. She was impressed with the work Buckden PC had done on the tree strategy, she had some suggestions for amendments which will be incorporated and reported back to the PC.
- It was agreed the Parish Clerk would be asked to check whether the adoption of the Tree Strategy will have any impact on the Parish Council's insurance cover
- Tree strategy action plan
 - It was noted that maintenance work on key trees will be undertaken by the contractor MJC shortly
 - It was noted that the intention is to renumber the Parish's tree to simplify processes

Greening of Buckden

The intention had been to produce a leaflet to advise residents on tree planting in their gardens and to record the number of new trees planted. We discussed expanding the remit of this leaflet to cover the 'Greening of Buckden' e.g. to include wildlife gardening, creation of wildlife area in Hunts End and a target for tree planting.

Budget

- It was noted that there is provision in the current budget for the tree maintenance work about to be undertaken
- A budget of £4,380 by the Parish Council for the Group has been approved, that covers:
 - Tree work maintenance: £500
 - Full tree survey: £1,880
 - Creation of a tree walk: £500
 - Footpath maintenance: £500
 - Tree planting: £500
 - Ouse Valley Way work (with CCC): £500
 - Emergency tree work: £1,000 in Reserves
 - Footpath round valley area (to support Village Hall Trust's grant application): manpower only
 - Grant for Hunts End wildflower area (maintenance costs and bench): Reserves

Change of Terms of Reference

- The Parish Council is assessing how best to deliver the Community Action Plan and is proposing a reorganisation of the current Advisory Groups.
- The group welcomed the proposal to expand the remit of the group which will be reflected in the new title 'Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Green Spaces Group' or something similar.