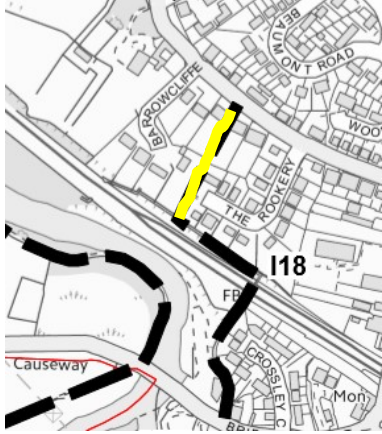


<b>Task #</b>	20-03	<b>Date:</b>	30 Jan	<b>Review Date:</b>	May 20
	<b>Meet:</b>	Humphrey Perkins School			
	<b>Summary:</b>	Cut back overgrown ivy along top part of this footpath			
	<b>Volunteers:</b>	8			
	<b>Time:</b>	10:00	12:00		
	<b>Weather:</b>	Mild and dry			

This is the first of a two part task to cut back growth along the full length of this footpath. It was done a number of times last year but the ivy has grown back very quickly and soon drops down to create a low and rather narrow footpath. This time we asked the Parish Council to arrange for a number of brown bins to be delivered so we could cut back more of the ivy and hopefully this will last a few more months – only time will tell.

The length of the footpath from Cotes Road to the bend overlooking the railway is about 100m in length and a great deal of this has ivy growing strongly on one side. We cut back about 24 inches of ivy from the top of the wall and as high into its canopy growth as we could manage. It was a great workout for shoulders!!

The brown bins soon begin to fill up and we took turns in climbing in to try to create some more space. Below are photos of the top end of the footpath looking back towards Cotes Road. It is a little difficult to see how much the ivy was encroaching into the path but our tallest volunteer can now comfortably walk alongside the wall!

**Before**



**After**



As we moved down the footpath, it was clear that we were cutting back into growth from many, many years. Lots and lots of leaf debris was being held within the ivy which will have made it both heavy and wet against the wall.

Thank you to all our fellow villagers that walked along the path as we worked and said what a difference we were making. It certainly helps to make the task go a little quicker.

**Looking towards Railway - before**



**Looking towards Railway - after**



Finally, some team photos!

Bob making himself comfortable in the bin! Also making us some extra room in there. And team photo(minus and couple of the ladies) with the 6 stuffed brown bins!

