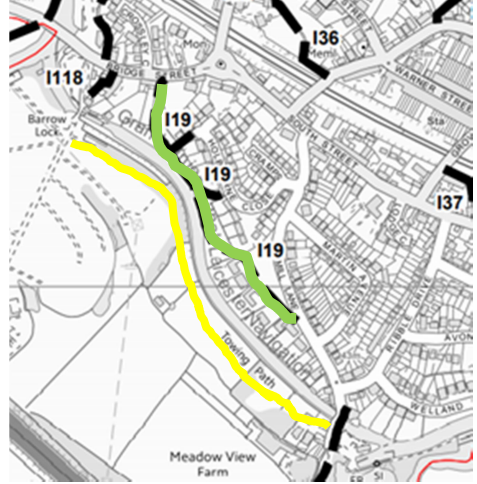


Task #	08	Date:	9 th July 20	Review Date:	Oct 20
	Meet:	Navigation Pub			
	Summary:	Clear overgrowth from towpath between Navigation and Barrow Deep Lock If time permits, clear the footpath (I19) from Barrow Deep Lock to Mill Lane Play area			
	Volunteers:	5			
	Time:	10:00	12:15		
	Weather:	Dried up after heavy rain overnight			

It only stopped raining about 40 minutes before we were due to start but it did keep away for the entire task and we managed to do lots!

The towpath between the Navigation pub and Deep Lock hasn't been done for almost a year and you could tell especially with the earlier rain making the tree branches heavy and weighted down. In one area it seemed almost like a limbo challenge to get under.



Before: Branches heavy and low over the towpath

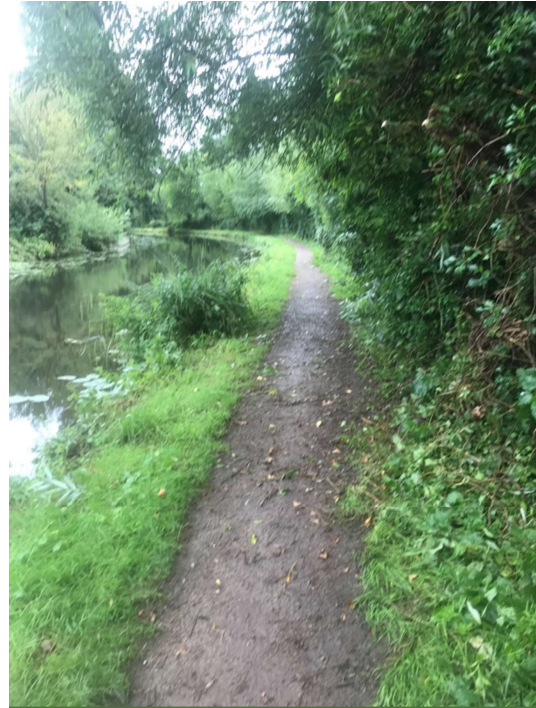


During: socially distanced pruning

Using some of our new tools funded by [Everards and Carling Made Local Funding](#), we were able to make light work of patches of overhanging tree branches but keep as many of the heavily fruiting brambles as possible. As usual Andy knows everyone that walks by and so managed to catch up with lots of village gossip!



During: Branches across the towpath being cut back



After: All cleared away

We tidied the area around the village sign at Barrow Deep Lock before heading across the canal to the footpath on the other side to give that a bit of a trim.

We had cleared this side in November 19 so this was merely a trim compared to the towpath! But so much fruit on the brambles again – once it warms up again it will be a bumper crop for all.

We finished off with another quick tidy up around the newly re-laid footpath at the bottom of Mill Lane Play area. The fallen tree had been removed so the path is fully open once again.



Thanks again to the volunteers that came despite the conditions earlier in the morning not being very promising at all.

Special thanks to [Carling and Everards Made Local Fund](#) for providing new tools for our group.