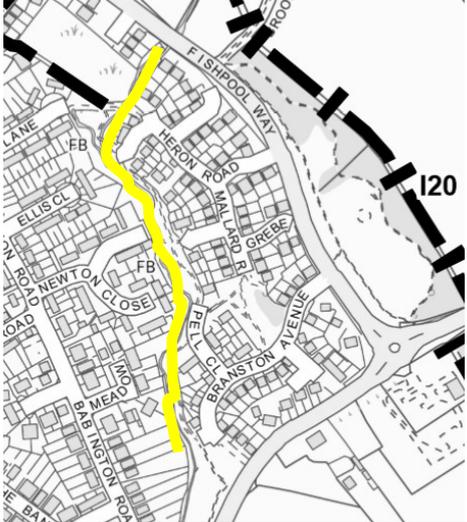
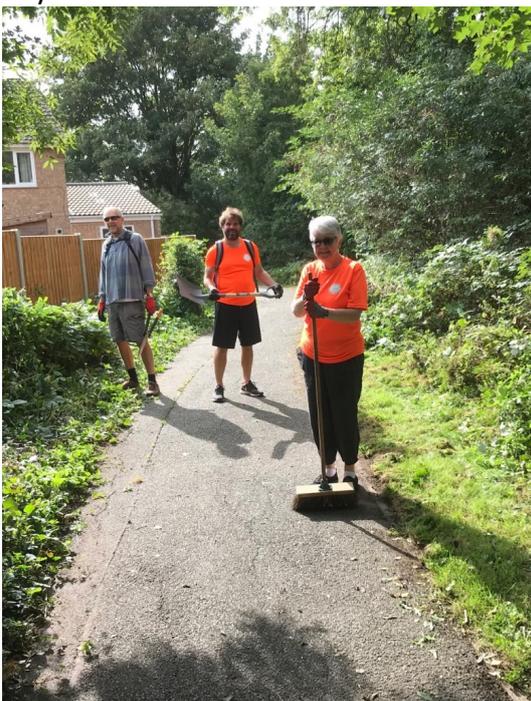


<b>Task #</b>	20-13	<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Review Date:</b>	April 21
	<b>Meet:</b>	Meet opposite Millennium Park main entrance			
	<b>Summary:</b>	Clear overgrown bramble, branches and Ivy along Fishpool Brook footpath			
	<b>Volunteers:</b>	11 split into 2 groups			
	<b>Time:</b>	10:00	11:45		
	<b>Weather:</b>	Warm and Sunny			

Great day to be out with the team today and we had a couple of new people joining us, Pat and Liz, and Colin coming back for the first time this year. Welcome. We split into 2 groups, one starting at Fishpool Way end and the other, my team; we went to the opposite end and started at Branston Avenue end.

Between Branston Ave and Pell Close there were a couple of trees that have been brought down recently with the weight of the ivy growing on them. We were able to cut these back a couple of feet each to widen the path again.

There were also lots of nettles and brambles still growing furiously in the late summer warmth. Again we cut these back to ensure none of the fresh nettles were overhanging the footpath. There were a few areas where grass was beginning to encroach onto the footpath but again this was cut back to ensure the footpath remains wide enough for people to pass safely



**Nettle and bramble overgrowth cleared**



**Ivy covered tree cut back at Pell Close**



We also litter pick the areas we clear and today was no exception. 2 large bin bags of rubbish collected today.

Russell decided that he wanted to clear the brook of rubbish – and there was quite a lot to be fair – so in he went – twice – there was no stopping him!

Under the leadership of Andy, group 2 did a fantastic job on the hedges from Fishpool Way to Heron Road. The hedges there haven't been touched for a while so were getting rather tall and wide.

The new team members quickly fitted in with our regular trio of Andy, Bob and Nick. All the green waste generated, and there was a lot, was placed under these hedges to help create new habitat for the small insects and mammals over the coming Autumn/winter.



**Group 2 – just getting started**



**Almost done - Great job**



**I'm assured he did come out!**

If you look carefully you can spot Nick in there! Another member of our team going above and beyond, or in this case, behind the hedge, to ensure we do as good a job as possible.

**Thanks everyone – great work.**

**Next Task :**

Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> October** 10:00  
Meet at the **Cemetry**, Cotes Road