



# Barrow In Bloom 2021

The Barrow in Bloom **project to re-gravel the footpath on Mill** Lane was originally started in November 2019 when we had brilliant support from Tarmac and A&V Squires. At the time it was recommended that we would need a 'top-up' as the gravel levelled out but as we approached getting this arranged, we all found ourselves in lockdown and all the restrictions that came along with it.

So roll forward to May 2021 and once again Tarmac and A&V Squires pulled out all the stops and got us our 'top-up' gravel delivered as part of their Community Projects which support volunteer groups in local areas to complete improvements they otherwise wouldn't be able to achieve.



Bang on time at 0900 with the first of three lorry loads of gravel, Paul from A&V Squires, was met by our volunteers from Barrow Footpaths Group.

As soon as it was off-loaded and he was off to collect the next load, in our team went with shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes to spare.

And it wasn't long before it was all wheelbarrowed out onto the path.

The area that needed the most gravel was at the far end of the path and here a small team of volunteers was ready with rakes and made light work of it.

Barrow, after barrow, after barrow was wheeled out and it wasn't long before you could see the impact we were making.

Gaps were filled, and the path was levelled off again.





Just as the first lorry load of gravel was being barrowed away, the next load arrived and off it all started again.

The team shovelling were keeping our team of wheel barrowers busy, but many hands make light work and it wasn't long before it was all cleared away once again.

The team raking the gravel level were certainly being kept busy.

With the second load of gravel in place it was time for a well earned tea break.

The weather was just turning a little chilly so it was good to see the third and final lorry load of gravel arrive so we could all warm up again.



Thanks to the following people for ensuring that this project was finally completed and will be a real success in providing a footpath suitable for prams, scooters, bikes and walkers for many years to come:

- Volunteers from **Barrow Footpaths Group**
- **Alice from the Parish Council and Joyce** for ensuring we were supplied with tea & biscuits
- **Pam B** for letting us use your driveway
- **Trevor and Mick from Tarmac** for organising and supplying another 5 tonnes of gravel for free – again
- **Paul from A&V Squires** for delivering the gravel



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