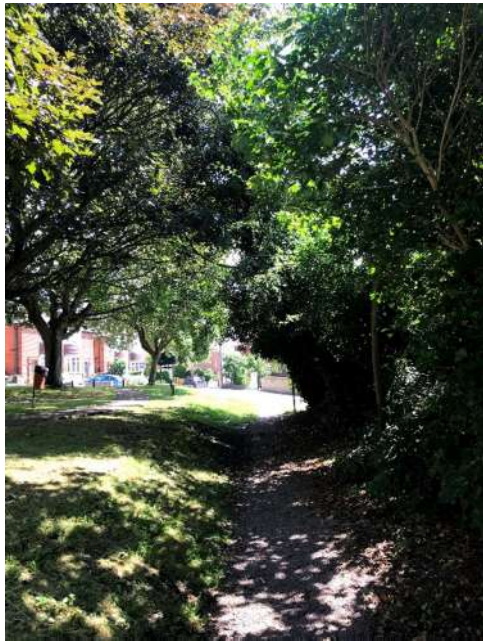




# Barrow In Bloom 2021

## Mill Lane Footpath – The Hedgerow



Hedgerow overgrown – Aug 2021



Cleared Sept 2021

The upgrading of this path has been a project for Barrow in Bloom since 2019. In November 2019 Tarmac, A & V Squires and volunteers got together for the first stage to clear the old muddy path and lay a new gravel surface.

At the time Jack Tindle from [Tindle Tree Care Ltd](#) very kindly offered to **cut back the hedgerow** as a follow-on **community project** for his team once the relevant permissions were in place. It was originally thought we could get this completed within a few months. However, various storms, flooding and a global pandemic delayed this being carried out in the original timeframes and approval was not received until late 2020. Jack was soon in touch again to say he was keen for the project to go ahead as soon as it could be fitted in.



## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The team arrived early in the day with the hedgerow looking similar to this:

### Before (August 2021)



The hedgerow hasn't been cut back for a number of years and had grown upwards as well as outwards. This meant very little light could get to certain areas, especially where the steps down to the path are, and it created a lot of leaf fall in autumn producing lots of muddy leaf debris on the new path below.

### After (September 2021)



With the hedge cut back, there is so much more light around the steps which will make them much safer to use throughout the year. The newly upgraded path can now be easily cleared of leaf fall to prevent it getting too muddy in winter months. The team also cleared away brambles and nettles along this path and onwards into Piets Close and did a fantastic job of clearing away all the green waste produced.

**Many thanks to Tindle Tree Care Ltd for contributing your time, skills and machinery free of charge for the benefit of our village.**