

Meadows Newsletter

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Project Update

Nobody said it would be easy, and working on The Meadows in December and January has not been! However the team has completed the paths despite the generally poor conditions and they are looking great. The site compound has been based at the north-west Yokecliffe Crescent entrance, and therefore this is the final area to be worked upon; making good the tumbled-down gate way and bringing the paths right up to the entrance. Some residents have commented that no one seems to be working on site, even on days when council staff have been there, but the Yokecliffe corner where work has been concentrated for the past 3 weeks is not actually visible from most of the site.

This week the decorative boulders arrived, kindly donated by Ben Bennett Jr's, and work has begun on the built-in gabion seating. Unfortunately the Town Council has been refused permission to move the Foggs Entry pillars slightly to allow access to prams and wheelchairs from this footpath. However the good news is that the County Council has started work to reduce the quagmire at the Hammonds Court entrance, so hopefully once The Meadows is opened this will be an easier access point.

Finally we must extend our thanks to our neighbours on Yokecliffe Crescent who have been helpful, friendly and supportive to the Wildscapes team.

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Please keep off the paths

The majority of the paths were laid by early December, so why couldn't people access the site and start using them? Well though the sub-layers were down the surface layer was not. This layer needs a certain amount of time to stabilise and solidify. Unfortunately over Christmas there was a lot of unauthorised access and some of the paths which were almost ready, were set back by cycle, pram and foot access. The photos above and overleaf show the damage done. This caused considerable delays, having to re-rake and roll areas and let the settling process begin again each time.

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Work in the December snow



Working at the Yokecliffe entrance



The swale in action, early January



Sunshine, frost & beautiful views to Hob Wood



Surfacing with pram/ bike marks



Ben Bennetts deliver

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