



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all those who worked on HCG's survey of the river and to Jenny Sweet who did a brilliant job leading this project. Jenny tells me that the quality of the surveys was excellent which we will be sharing with River 2015 when Jenny has completed her appraisal.

Thank you to Kath Stewart's team of Duke of Edinburgh students who have surveyed Victoria Park for HCG. We understand that they have engaged themselves in weeding the pathways too. What a wonderful lead they have taken in community involvement.

Carol Ripley is surveying the footpaths and her work has also surpassed expectations. How lucky we have been to have such dedicated and talented volunteers to plot and record the features of our town.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED – DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW OUR STREETS COULD BE IMPROVED?. We urgently need volunteers to survey the streetscape in the final part of our survey of the conservation area. On 18th October at 5pm at the Old Bridge Holmfirth, Steve Davie will be leading the training supported by two other former planners Cathy Davie, Steve Ransby and also Jenny Sweet Landscape Architect, not to mention our stalwart Clem.

This team has worked really hard to produce a fun way of recording what you see and how you feel about it. Therefore it will be more about quality than quantity. It will be in sharp contrast to the very quantitative survey of buildings and far less time consuming. You will be working in small teams, so do bring along friends if you wish but let us know names and numbers beforehand so we can plan. Please contact me via the website to tell me you will be at the training on October 18th

www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk.

The buildings data input will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter and analysis of the data will have begun. During October and early November the public realm surveys will be complete. Our thanks go to Michael Martin, Kim Chandler and Carol Ripley who have helped us with data input.

We met with Simon Taylor of Kirklees Planning and Nigel Hunston, Conservation Officer on the 22nd September. It was a good meeting and we discussed our time schedule with them and although it is challenging they confirmed that it will fit in well with Kirklees' commitments.

By the end of December, we hope to have written the chapters of the Appraisal, ready for editing in January. If all goes according to plan the first public consultation will take place in either February or March.

We have requested a meeting with our Ward Councillors in order to update them and gain their support and expect to hear soon when we can meet.

Thank you for your continuing support – Holmfirth is going places. Don't forget to **volunteer for the survey of the streetscape**.