

Ramblers Maintenance

From: Mark Chung <markechung@hotmail.com>
Sent: 17 February 2025 12:27
To: Tom Partridge <tom.partridge@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Foulridge FP38 - Lower Clough to Causeway Top Farm (11399)

Thanks Tom.

I was going to have a chat with you about similar simple faults we find when we're out and about....

In the Burnley & Pendle Ramblers, I've set up a Path Maintenance Team (currently me) and I'm recognised by Central Office as the PMT Team leader, similar to Colin in our CAV team.

This means my team (currently me) is covered under the Ramblers insurance - copy enclosed of the insurance description and I can get hold of the policy itself if you or PBC colleagues need to look at it.

If PBC are happy with this, you have permission from the landowner (which you always obtain) then simple faults like broken hinges, loose posts, broken waymarking, sleeves etc could be done by the Ramblers leaving the remaining jobs to you, your contractor and the CAVs. No gates, drainage, WMP, gate installations would be done by the Ramblers PMT.

This would help you out.

The Ramblers also provide the tools and any missing tools I can obtain via our Group funds.

Something to consider Tom if you & Phil are happy?

From: Tom Partridge <tom.partridge@pendle.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 February 2025 14:12
To: Mark Chung <markechung@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Foulridge FP38 - Lower Clough to Causeway Top Farm (11399)

Hi Mark,

Thanks for your email. I know that some local authority areas support independent volunteer groups carrying out path maintenance, but the way which I have it organised things in Pendle is by having Pendle BC organised volunteer groups. Behind the scenes a lot of work went into setting this up initially, and every week a lot goes into organising each day's work. But the benefits have been superb with the volumes we are now achieving. With the Friday group this will only grow. I am not looking to introduce a new way of working with volunteers.

What I can suggest is that you partner up with Colne Town Council and/or Laneshawbridge and/or Foulridge PC for them to apply to be included with Lancashire County Council's Local Delivery Scheme, details attached. In this way you/they could carry out works which fit in with that scheme, the parish/town Council's requirements and the Ramblers insurance. Pendle BC wouldn't be involved, but I would welcome updates on any work which you carry out under the scheme.

Best wishes,

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From: Mark Chung <markechung@hotmail.com>
Sent: 20 February 2025 07:19
To: Sarah Cockburn-Price <sarah@cockburn-price.com>
Subject: Ramblers Path Maint. Team

Morning Sarah

Keeping well?

As you are the font of all knowledge in local councils, would a scheme like this from LCC work for Colne TC, Trawden PC, Laneshawbridge PC or Foulridge PC?

In summary, LCC gives money to local councils for limited FP maint. Work. Ramblers team does the work on behalf of the council and there are caveats in the scheme - the council liaises with land owners.

Thanks in advance...

Dear Mark,

I think most parish and town councils do sign up to these small grant pots for footpath maintenance from LCC. Most have lengthsman and they do small jobs, such as trimming vegetation.

I know Foulridge PC did not, in previous years, sign up to the enhanced service of footpath care and so its footpaths will have been subject to less maintenance.

I cc in the four clerks of Boulsworth and Foulridge and they can contact you if there are footpath works they would like to contract out to the Ramblers under the LCC scheme.

Thanks Sarah

Dear Clerks - please find enclosed details of the Ramblers Path Insurance.

If you are interested in our team helping out on footpath maintenance in your parishes, please let me know.

I also work as one of Tom Partridge's Countryside Access Volunteers and if you proceed with the LCC grant then we could keep Tom fully informed on any activities.