



Barrow In Bloom 2023

Deep Lock Towpath upgrade April 2023

5th April - Our Bloom volunteers from the Footpaths group worked alongside volunteers from the Canal and River Trust's Loughborough Towpath Taskforce Team to make a start on upgrading the path at Deep Lock. The first part of the work was the shuttering work – digging a narrow trough to install edging strips secured by spikes to keep the path materials in place, straight and neat.



12th April – Lots of gravel – about 12 tonnes was moved by volunteers onto the path alongside completing the last of the shuttering. The 60m stretch also had the whacker plate over it a few times to start to bind the layers of fine gravel together



19th April – After a week of settling, the path had another rake over to try to level off any lumpy patches before the whacker palte went over it for a final time. A few additional flagstones were put in place around areas of heavy usage to try to reduce wear and tear. The soil that was initially distrurbed from around the path edges was put back in place ready for some grass seed.



We were also able to use some of the remaining gravel on the footpath leading into Riverside View.



Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with this project, from both Bloom and Canal and River Trust. Together we can keep this area looking wonderful and deserving our Green Flag Award.



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