



# Barrow in Bloom 2020

Mill Lane Footpath, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November



**Before**



**After**

The footpath at the bottom of the play area in Mill Lane has been covered in mud from leaf debris for many years making it almost impassable for everyone including wheelchair users, motor scooters and push chairs/buggies.

So after days of rain, cold winds and flooding it was so good to have a clear, warm and sunny morning. With a quick cuppa to warm up and the safety briefing over, the 9 volunteers from Barrow and 7 from Tarmac and A&V Squires quickly got going removing leaves from the slope and scrapping the muddy surface off the footpath.

A&V Squires brought all the correct plant to make the job run smoothly and it wasn't long before we started putting gravel back onto the footpath.





With the first 3 tonnes of Mountsorrel pink granite down, the lorry had to return to the quarry for another load, so it was time for another tea break and some hot soup.

Another 3 tonnes of gravel soon went down. The electric wheelbarrow to move this was a vital to getting the work done. Once it was all down, the whacker was used to level the path.



When we have confirmed that all the correct permissions are in place, work will continue in the in coming weeks to hopefully remove more of the overhanging hedge to bring some light into the area.

This will be done by courtesy of [Tindle Tree Care](#).



Some of the volunteers from Tarmac and A&V Squires.

Thanks to Trevor Warren from Tarmac for organising [volunteers from Tarmac and A&V Squires](#) without which the event could not have happened. Tarmac also supplied all materials for free with A&V Squires providing all plant free of charge.

Thanks to all the volunteers from Barrow that came along to support us, including those from [Barrow Footpaths Group](#) for preparing the area earlier in the week.

Thanks to the [Co-op](#) for providing supplies for the refreshments during the morning, the [Navigation Inn](#) for the fabulous soup and [Barrow Parish Council](#) for all the administrative support and providing necessary insurance cover.

If you would like to get involved with future Barrow in Bloom Community Events please contact Barrow Parish Council clerk for details.



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