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**Working Group, Public Footpaths Wakes Colne**

Again many thanks to the working group that have given up their time to walk the public footpaths to identify any problems that may have occurred and/or suggest ways in which to improve the footpaths that we hope you enjoy walking. The Public Footpath working group are in constant touch with Public Rights of Way Officers at ECC and liaise with them on projects. If you see problems on public footpaths and you would like to report them please contact our clerk Dianne Jacob.

 A proposal to the LHP to provide a footway from the top of Tyburn Hill to the bottom of the hill thus linking up with a footway at the Crafty Fox/ Boley Road and existing public footpaths, has been submitted. (a footway is partly in place past Wakes Hall but seems to have been aborted at the summit of Tyburn Hill).

**LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL (LHP) Safety for pedestrians using Station Road and traffic calming measures.** The Parish Council continue to keep in touch with and lobby the LHP about the progress of measures to be taken for the safety for pedestrians, and traffic calming for Station Road. At a meeting in September with Sonia Church (LHP) we were informed that the cost of the proposals that we submitted may cost in excess of 1million pounds. The Parish Council are now in the process of proposing that we now start with traffic calming and then reassess the proposal for a footway soon after. The process has and is taking far longer than we expected. Residents will be consulted beforehand, should traffic calming be accepted as a viable proposition by the LHP, in any case, funding will not be available until at the earliest April 2016.

**Spring Bulbs** Councillors and volunteers are in the process of planting spring bulbs 3000 in total, (in October/November) in areas of Wakes Colne. Permission from ECC has been obtained together with a licence. Many thanks to the Four Colne’s Horticultural Society for supply us with the bulbs.

**Litter picking** has also taken place during October by Councillors and volunteers with CBC picking litter from Tyburn Hill. On the Parish Council website, a photo is displayed of litter retrieved by CBC from Tyburn Hill.

Many thanks again for everybody who gave their time to improve our surroundings.

**Annual Report 2014/15 for Wakes Colne Parish Council.** Parishioners should have received **a** copy of the Annual Report. This was inspired by Diane Jacob our Clerk and printed by connections to Cllr Kathy Brown. Many thanks for the work by both parties in producing an attractive report.

Stella Hounslow

Chairperson