

As a trial, Sustrans NW volunteers are arranging for communal litter picking to take place two days a month on the NCN60, namely along The Floop (Chorlton – Fallowfield) and The Yellow Brick Road (Debdale Water Park - Ashton Canal). Being regular events these will enable us to keep on top of the litter and will help volunteers and local supporters to plan their attendance in advance. Such an approach has been used successfully for clean-ups by Sustrans volunteers on the Liverpool Loop cycle path for some time. A hope is that this will help to improve local community involvement in the maintenance of the paths. The ultimate goal is for local groups or individuals to 'adopt' sections of the path and in this case, monthly events will no longer be necessary. This is beginning to happen but there is a long way to go!

So this month sees the start, and the events will carry on monthly as long as a demand exists. One event a month, on the second Thursday, will take place on the Floop and the other on the YBR on the Saturday immediately following the Floop event.

Details of this month's events are as follows:

November Floop clean-up

When : Thursday 8th Nov 2018 at 10.00 am for registering/briefing

Where : Start at junction of Floop and Yellow Brick Road in Gorton (near Debdale reservoir) (see map)

Objective : Clear Floop to Fairfield including access paths and bridges. Optionally, if effort is available, clear the other paths around the start (YBR and Debdale Reservoir)

Venue : The Hare & Hounds, 187 Abbey Hey Lane, M18 8TN (see map)

November YBR clean-up

When : Saturday 10th Nov 2018 at 10.00 am for registering/briefing

Where : Start at the junction of Longford St and Western St., Gorton adjacent to an entrance onto the YBR. (see map)

Objective : Work our way northwards towards Clayton as far as time and enthusiasm allow

Venue : The Strawberry Duck pub on the Ashton Canal, 76 Crabtree Lane, Clayton, M11 4GU (see map)

Equipment will be provided as required but suitable clothing and boots should be worn. Since efficient litter picking often involves working in small groups, we will have a meet-up at the end of each event so we can swap stories, etc. This will be in a local venue close to the area where we have been working.

If the weather forecast is particularly bad (e.g. if it looks like continuous heavy rain) then the event may be cancelled at the last minute but this will only be done in exceptional circumstances.