

## **Reports on Previous Events**

***January Floop Clean-up*** - there was another great turnout (10 volunteers) but we did miss Tobias who has been a regular volunteer with Sustrans for a long time while he was studying here. He has now gone back to Switzerland where no doubt he'll be scrabbling around to find any litter at all! We wish him well.

We cleared the Floop in both directions from the Slade Road bridge (up to Kingsway in one direction and the A6 in the other direction). In all 17 bags of litter were collected and we significantly reduced a long-standing fly tip emanating from a house off Scarisbrooke Rd (see pic). This included a mattress and enough empty Iron Brew cans to fill a brown bin more than once over! The middle section of the Floop (Sainsbury's to The Quadrants) has now had a once over and we'll be starting the Eastern section in February.

***January Yellow Brick Road (Old Stockport Canal) Clean-up*** - we started at the Ashton Old Road bridge which used to be one of the most littered spots on the whole of The Yellow Brick Road. It was first given a major clean in recent years back in Oct 2017 during 'the big clean-up' and has received attention on and off since. This includes work by Council contractors who cut away a lot of the brambles and do regular grass cutting there. After our latest efforts, it is now one of the cleanest parts of the YBR and looks great with its exposed cobbled access path (see pic). Let's hope we can keep it this way but we will need more support to do this. So far, the majority of the volunteer support has come from enthusiasts from The Stockport Canal Society, so come on you cyclists, let's be having you!!