

Dear Volunteer,

Below are the details of the up-coming events for May 2019.

Now is the time our beautiful greenways are getting greener and so it is a great time to explore sections on foot.

I am pleased to say that litter levels on both the Floop and most of the Yellow Brick Road are not bad at the moment but as I have been told many, many times, one can never win as far as litter is concerned, so the battle must continue. However, now that most of the 'old litter' has been dealt with, little and often is the key which is why I appeal to you to try and join us now and again if you can.

The Thursday litter pick this month will **not** be on the Floop as such but will be on the southern end of the Yellow Brick Road including where the Yellow Brick Road crosses the Floop. The littering is reasonably light here so it will give you an opportunity for a bit of a walk as well as possibly seeing some new greenway, all while removing some of the nasty stuff. The Saturday litter pick will take on some more serious littering on the Yellow Brick Road up near the Ashton canal. This part has been neglected for quite a time and if you are able to join in to put this right, that would be great.

Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the cause over the last six months or so - you really have made a difference.

### **Thursday clean-up**

When : **Thursday 9th May** at 10.00 am for registering/briefing

Where : Start in the Debdale Water Park car park which is easily accessible from the Floop or by road, by taking the exit off the Hyde Road (A57) that leads to the Gorton McDonalds.

Objective : Head northwards through Debdale Water Park and under the Floop and then (hopefully) make rapid progress to beyond the first tower block where the littering is more serious.

Lead volunteer : Chris Parkinson has kindly agreed to lead this event as I will be away (again)

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 may have a social get-together at the end of the session if there is a demand.

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.