

Central Bedfordshire and Luton Joint Local Access Forum
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**Community Payback scheme - Maintenance of internal village paths
Partnership with Bedfordshire Probation Trust**

Rights of Way have organised a works team under the Community Payback scheme to carry out surface and side vegetation clearance on over 50 internal village public paths [see attached spreadsheet] and around 16 kilometres in length. The paths were selected by the respective area officers and are deliberately intended to be visible to village residents. Some of the paths are on the existing svc contract but others require more major clearance.

The team [of seven plus supervisor] are managed by the Probation Trust based in Luton and will do the work between late June and early August. They will also collect litter, remove graffiti and clean our signposts as required. Plaques will be erected on some routes indicating CPS carried out the work.

The intention is that if this pilot project is successful the work will continue and possibly expand next year. Area officers and the team leader will carry out site visits as this year's work progresses. There is a schedule of where the team will be working and when if you are interested in seeing them in action.

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