

C.I.T Maintenance Report for August:

7th August

Walked the complete trail picking up litter, ½ bag, and cutting back vegetation using loppers. I walked the trail in both directions and noticed some litter I had missed the first time. The walk from Swan Road to the trail end, including the big hill, and back again is about 5-miles. Noted various areas of trail that need specific work such as heavy vegetation growth and will concentrate on an area next walk.

14th August

Using the mechanical hedge trimmer and a rake cut back the long grass and low vegetation opposite the Scruton farm area. Noted that I required to go over the area a second time to catch vegetation not cut the first pass. Raked the cutting into the ditch.

20th August:

Walked the complete trail again picking up litter, many coffee filters among the waste, and again used the loppers to cut back several protruding branches.

27th August

In the vicinity of the mail box on East Road I cut back the long grasses, again it took at least 2-passes to get it trimmed back properly. I dumped most of the cuttings back into the grasses. During the mowing I encountered several branches, dead and alive that restricted the mowing; I spent much time removing these items and discovered that the prickly nature of these branches resembled Velcro, it kept sticking to me. While the distance I covered was not much this area took 2-hours to do.

I recommend that a work party be formed to cut back extensive growth on the trail from about the junction of Lacon to the Café'. Then I propose we all adjourn to enjoy coffee and cakes at the Café from our funds.

Allan.