

The Restoration of the Alne Verges

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It is hard to remember what the verges looked like before the restoration programme, with the gulleys more than 18" from the verge and mud everywhere

Work on the Parish Council project to restore the ancient verges along Main Street started in Autumn 2017. This project is in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council but is partly financed by the residents of Alne through an increase in the Council Tax precept over five years, two of which have already passed. Progress over the winter of 2017/18 was slow and it was only in May 2018 that a binder layer of tarmac was put on the road alongside the new granite setts, and only in October 2018 that new turf was laid on the verge edges, following the failure of the original seed.

NYCC acknowledge that the programme has not been without its problems and they have agreed further enhancements to take place in the spring and summer of 2019 at no extra charge to the parish. They will repair the pavements and the made-up driveways along Main Street and Church Wind, they will surface-dress the road and they will install dropped kerbs in Mitchell Lane.

We need everyone to continue to keep all vehicles off the new verges, particularly with the 1,500 new crocuses now showing and the new turf yet to integrate, but we are pleased to announce these plans to finish this project – complaints about the state of the verges have been recorded for at least the last 50 years!