

## **Community Highways Volunteering Scheme**

At the next meeting, the Parish Council is to consider adopting the County Council's Community Highways Volunteering Scheme which allows communities to step in and work on the highways in our area, helping the County Council to maintain Cambridgeshire's highways to a high standard.

The scheme gives volunteers in the community the opportunity to enhance their environment whilst at the same time reducing pressure on county council budgets.

With this scheme the County Council are creating the conditions whereby Parishes, Towns and Community Groups can undertake certain routine maintenance activities. The scheme essentially gives Parishes in Cambridgeshire the opportunity to carry out works that would otherwise be a low priority for the County Council

The following are indicative of the type of work involved.

- Cutting back or removing vegetation overhanging or obstructing footways to ensure pedestrians can navigate the route.
- Cutting back of highway vegetation to ensure visibility of road signs or a potential hazard. However, this does not include vegetation that is privately owned.
- Siding out - remove grass that has grown over the footpath from the adjacent verge.
- Cleaning of dirty and hard to read signs belonging to Cambridgeshire County Council. (Only signs that are reachable from ground level with a brush)

If you are interested in volunteering would you please inform the clerk at [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com) or any parish councillor. This information will help the parish council decide whether to adopt the scheme.