



Tree Planting Day

A successful tree planting day was held on Sunday 22 January near the Longford Road West entrance to the Loop. We were joined by fourteen members of the Sale and Altrincham Conservation Volunteers (www.sacv.co.uk), and 60 trees were planted in total, a mixture of oak and ash, together with some shrubs left over from last year's planting and some bulbs at the Loop entrance. The trees were a bequest by Joan Grainger in memory of her husband, a Stockport cyclist and user of Sustrans routes, and members of her family also took part in the planting. Please look out for the trees when you pass that way. Thanks to Julian and Dick for organising the day.

Chorlton Developments

Following repeated requests made by the Friends, the path between Jackson's Boat and the end of Hardy Lane is now being resurfaced by the City Council. This means that there is now a good connection between the Trans- Pennine Trail along the Mersey and the Loop. From Jackson's Boat the route is (will be) signposted to the Manchester Cycleway via Hardy Lane and Cundiff Road to Chorlton Park (care needs taking across Barlow Moor Road). The signposting through the Park to the Loop entrance at Sidbury Road is incomplete, and is currently being negotiated.

A Route from Didsbury to Trafford Bar?

It has been an agreed policy by the Friends to campaign for the disused sections of railway track between Chorlton and Trafford Bar and Chorlton and Didsbury to be developed as a cycleway, to run alongside any future Metro Line. Last year we made a reconnaissance of the section to Trafford Bar, and on 25 February this year we did the same on the section to Didsbury. This one received a lot of local press publicity (see enclosure), and we will be taking up the offer of a meeting with GMPTE to discuss its feasibility. Anyone wanting to know more should come to our Members' Meeting next Monday, when photos of the route will also be shown.

Future Activities

A list of our spring/summer programme of activities is set out overleaf. You are invited to join in any of them you wish. Further information will be sent out by email and will be posted on our website, or can be obtained from the named organiser.