

## Arnold's Bequest Report

### July 2024

Arnold's Bequest continues to be regularly maintained by the grounds maintenance team (GMT) member, Shaun, who is based in Sparrows Nest, as well as other team members. Shaun litter picks throughout the area every other day. Litter at the top of Arnold's Bequest continues to be a problem. This has required several member of the GMT to attend to clear the area.

Shaun also strims the vegetation to the sides of the footpaths every other week.

The footpaths through Arnold's Bequest require regular tarmac repairs by the GMT.

Some tree works have recently been completed, including the felling of an Oak Tree at the top of Arnold's Bequest which was at a high risk of falling due to decay in the trunk. A Sycamore Tree also had some lower branches removed due the branches encroaching onto a bus stop on Yarmouth Road. Due to the nature of this work, this was outsourced to contractors to complete this work.

When time permits, a new timber handrail is to be installed along the footpaths. This will replace handrails that have been removed due to decay. The new handrail will cover a greater distance along the side of the footpaths compared to before.

Where the spring flows through Arnold's Bequest, a small pond is to be dug by the GMT. This will allow a steady stream of water in and out of it, which will keep the pond oxygenated and will encourage wildlife to use it.

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