

Message from Sam Walker Sam.Walker@harrogate.gov.uk,

There is a new regular volunteer group in the Nidd Gorge. Led by the Woodland Trust; in partnership with Harrogate Borough Council. Sam Walker will be leading a monthly session to help improve this unique site. The tasks will be varied but will likely involve:

- 1) Improving drainage
- 2) Selective thinning
- 3) Footpath improvements
- 4) Step replacements

There will be one task a month alternating between Thursdays and Saturdays. The project kicks off on Thursday 12th July where we will be working on the North side of the gorge to improve a small (but very muddy – see attached photo!) section of the path. The task will involve creating a drainage ditch to divert the flow of a natural spring, removal of saplings to create a slight diversion of the current path. The final part of the task will be the removal and replacement of a small bridge at the bottom of this section.

Meeting at the car park on the Ripley Road at 10:00 we will be working till approximately 16:00. No experience necessary but please come in suitable outdoor clothing sturdy footwear. As these sessions are for a full day please bring along any food or drink you may need for the day.

If you are interested in joining this new and exciting group please let me know and register your interest by emailing volunteering@woodlandtrust.org.uk.