

## **Footpath 41 & Streamside Walk: New Mill to Silk Mill Way and Brook Street**

Tring Town Council and Dacorum Borough Council are working together to upgrade the area along the paths from New Mill to Silk Mill Way and on to Brook Street. The area from New Mill to Silk Mill Way in particular has suffered from a lack of management resulting in large areas of brambles restricting access and devaluing the potential of the site as an area to be enjoyed by residents. Also it does not provide a good habitat for wildlife.

The work will be done with advice from Dacorum Borough Council's Tree Officer and Parks & Open Spaces Officer, and Tring in Transition. The Canal and River Trust have been briefed about the project too.

Between New Mill and Silk Mill Way, having cleared the area the vision is to seed with wild grasses, have areas of wild flowers and some suitable bankside trees. Along Brook Street the aim is to develop a more sustainable open space. Unfortunately many of the trees have passed maturity and will have to be removed. The best specimens will be retained. This will open up the area, particularly between the road and the stream making it more accessible. The other side of the stream will be less managed.

This is an exciting project, but it is also a long-term project. The clearance work will appear drastic, but please bear with us as the end result will be a green corridor that people can enjoy and that is better for wildlife.