

Footpath Repair & Maintenance Report Oct 2016

Work done since last report:

- Apr 16 Replace Stile with gate & repair stile at Musbatch
Attendees(6): SS, AK,RK, SP, CH, DT
- May 16 Remove stile, replace rotten step on another. Clearance all at Barnsland
Attendees(6): SS, RK, CH, DT, DW, RF
- June 16 Replace pallets with boardwalk at A4117 crossing. Clearance through Mawley woods
Attendees(7): SS, CH, DT, DW, GH,GS, SP
- July 16 Clearance, riverside paths neen sollars
Attendees(6): SS, CH, GS, RK, RW, RF
Also, repair vandalised dog gates at Musbatch& adjust bridge rail at golfcourse
Attendees(2): AK, DK
- August 16 Kissing gate & waymark post Chilton + Clearance
Attendees(8): SS, AK,GH, GS, RF, SP, DT, IL
- September 16 Bridlegate AT Mortimer Hill
Attendees(4) SS,SP,IL,CH plus landowner
+ Clearance work outside of work parties 75hours SS,AK,DK,VS,GS,RK,MH,DT,RW,UW

Candidates for forthcoming work parties:

- October: Gate and other improvements at Wyre Farm
November: Replace stile with kissing gate at Pioneer Centre
December: Gate at caravan park

Ongoing issues

Bridge on Shropshire Way at Little Woodhouse. UPDATE Walk 14 affected

This diversion is now with Shropshire Council to progress. It may take some time for them to get around to it.

Wyre Farm (obstructed path). I have now agreed with Landowner to open and way mark this path not quite on definitive line but suits walkers as well as landowner. This will be October work party

Andrews wood, Hopton Wafers

The path is obstructed by fallen trees. They were due to be cleared and replanted but work has been postponed due to lack of funding. CMFA executive have written to the landowner. No further update

Baveney Wood(Yew tree farm) UPDATE

A footpath has been illegally fenced in such that it easily becomes obstructed by hedge growth and bramble. Neen Savage parish council were asked for help but they did not do anything. May have to give up on this one.

Overwood common diversions. On-going. Walk 24 affected. No progress to report

DISCUSSION POINT

Now that the Wyre Farm path is to be opened up and the diversion at Little Woodhouse is agreed, I thought I would look at whether there are any other footpaths in the area which I could have a go at getting opened. There are three candidates, all in the Milson & Neen Sollars area.

Perhaps the group, especially the residents in that area could consider whether any of them are worth the effort.

- 1) From the centre of Milson near the church through Hillhouse Farm to the Coreley road.
- 2) In the centre of Neen Sollars from Neen Sollars house towards the river, cutting the corner of the road.

In both cases, the landowner is likely to be unwilling and the involvement of the Parish Council would be useful.

3) There is currently a missing footbridge at Lower Langley at the junction of two footpaths, one from Milson centre & one from Lea Fields. Although replacing the footbridge is unlikely as it would involve SC inconsiderable expense, it would be possible to open up these two paths to form a circular route from Milson. All that would be required is one stile(near the brook) and some waymarking.