

Footpath Repair & Maintenance Report Jan 2016

Work done since last meeting:

Oct 15 Assist SC with replacement of bridge in Neen Sollars.
Install 2 way mark posts. Make steep path safe and some clearance

Attendees(6): Susan, Don, Alan, Graham, Steve, Bob F

Nov 15 Lem hill. Repair stile & step. Step on second stile. Clearance

Attendees(8): Susan, Don, Graham, Russell, Diane, Bob W

Winter clearance etc

Detton (Bramble at Bridge) SS 1hr

Catherton (bramble at stile) SS 2hrs

Golf course, (route of walk 21) SS, AK, GS,GH,DT 15hrs

4 Kissing gate adjustments(SS, AK) 1hr

Candidates for forthcoming work parties:

On spreadsheet (see note below)

Resolved Issues

Glen Caravan Park

Bill reports this is ok at the moment.

Ongoing issues

Bridge on Shropshire Way at Little Woodhouse. No Change

Wyre Farm (obstructed path). No change

Andrews wood

Bill has been in touch with Paul Harding. Work is due to commence after February and we will need to make sure footpath is protected at that time.

New Issues

Baveney Wood(Yew tree farm)

A footpath has been illegally fenced in such that it easily becomes obstructed by hedge growth and bramble. For the last couple of years, I have cleared it myself (a long job). This needs a more permanent solution to save this path.I may take the team to look at it in the spring. We could do with some help from the parish council.

Overwood common diversions

Shropshire Council have put forward a proposal to divert paths across Wyre Common. This follows discussions I had with them about 3 years ago. The paths go across farmland owned by the Haywood family and are obstructed by crop every year. The diversions would rationalise the routes, including opening up one which is currently obstructed by a hedge. Anyone who would like more information, please contact me.

Work party dates for 2016(all Wednesdays 9:30am)

March 23rd, April 20th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August, 10th, Sept 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 7th.

Work lists

Tim Simmons of Shropshire Council asked me to produce two lists:

- 1) All the furniture work that needs doing in our area.
- 2) The paths which need significant clearance.

I send a copy of both of these spreadsheets to the Secretary with this report.

The first spreadsheet identifies the tasks I have in mind for this year's work parties

The clearance spreadsheet does not include some adopt-a-path work where only minor clearance is necessary. All other items I have identified how they are usually dealt with. As you will see, I do a lot on my own.

More help from members of CMFA would be welcome by undertaking clearance walks.