

UPDATES TO ACTIONS RESULTING FROM 111th MEMBERS MEETING (AK)

FURTHER UPDATES TO 111th MEMBERS MEETING (MWH)

Action: Cleobury Community Day.

Event will cover CMFA for any out of pocket mapping costs.

S Todd will provide historical information.

[Alan will update members at the March meeting.](#)

Action: Social Walks 2018.

Bob Westwood will lead September 29th walk.

[Social Walks 2018 Programme is complete.](#)

Action: Parish Walks 2018.

Alan will lead October 7th walk.

[Don and Mazella have swapped months.](#)

Action: WaW Newsletter. Neighbourhood Award.

Graham & Ramblers consulted.

It is not appropriate for CMFA to apply at this time.

[The WaW Newsletter are now available on the CMFA Website.](#)

[Cleobury has been accredited Walkers are Welcome status for 2018.](#)

[Town Council has approved 50% of the WaW fee.](#)

Update: Footpath R & M Report.

Path behind the pond at the Pioneer Centre has been cleared (by others). Alternative route marking no longer necessary. Path needs re-levelling & attention to stepping stones. Schedule for next Spring.

Outstanding Actions: Updates needed

[CMFA Flier \(Geoff\)](#)

[SEW Report \(Veronica & Chris\) Report attached.](#)

Footpath Repair & Maintenance Report March 2018

Work done since last report:

March 18 Improvements to path at pioneer Centre

Attendees(7): SS, CH, DT, AK, GH,RK,RF

Candidates for forthcoming work parties:

April: Waymark posts at Little Stepple

May: Revet Steps off Tenbury road

Ongoing issues

Problems in Hopton Wafers

There are three problems near the Centre of HoptonWafers

- 1) Andrews wood: We have been trying for some years to get the Hopton Estate to resolve
- 2) Path from the Church through to the Shropshire Way: I have asked the parish council to speak to the landowner. They have failed to make contact.
- 3) A short stretch of path at The Glebe completely blocked by fencing.

For the first two I have so far avoided trying to go through the Council's enforcement team as they do not have the resources, but due to the lack of success on these, I will try to get Shona out to see if she can help. If she comes I will also show her the third problem.

Diversions.

Shropshire Council have been slow to publish three diversions in Neen Savage reported at the last meeting.

When they have been confirmed I will arrange for Walk 24 to be amended.

Neen Savage FP44. Public enquiry is on 17th April at the Market Hall

Access to tools

Geoff holds some of the tools needed for work parties notably a drill. When he is unable to attend, we currently have to do without and in the case of the drill I have to ask other members to bring their own. It would be of great help, if the tools that Geoff has are reliably available for work parties. Could the executive consider how this could be made to work.

Information only:

The land agent for the new owner of Mawley Hall has been in touch with me. Apparently they would like to improve the waymarking on the Estate. I have also told them of some work I would like to do. They have requested waiting until the autumn to discuss to give them time to get more familiar with the estate.

Susan Sharp

14.03.2018

Simon Evans Way Northern Section Repairs Required

Walk Point 1 Wooden arrow on finger post is damaged but does not impinge on the directional information. Repair not urgent
Waymark at the bench is wobbly but still serviceable. Repair not urgent.

Walk Point 3 First stile badly damaged with rotten cross bar and steps. See photo 1.
Urgent repair required.
Second stile is solid but the bottom tread is showing signs of rot. See photo 2. Repair not urgent.

Walk Point 4 The waymark post before the bridge is damaged. Repair required.
See photo 3
At least six wooden slats on the bridge are very rotten or missing and require replacing. The step on the stile at the far end of the bridge is very slippery. See photos 4 & 5. **Urgent repair required.**

There are several points along the route which could do with clarification by the provision of additional Simon Evans Way and directional roundels.

Susan has been informed of these repairs.

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Chris & Veronica Hargreaves

17.03.2018

Walking for Health Report. March 2018

2017 Summer programme averaged 21 walkers, slightly up on 2016. We kept to the popular format of walks away from home base during school holiday periods by visiting Cleobury Golf Club, Clee Hill, & Arley.

The problem with access (child protection) to Lacon Childe School has been eased by the supply (on walk days) of an additional door fob & a lift key. In September we were asked to donate towards the cost of refreshments. A voluntary donation of £1 has been agreed.

The 2018 Summer programme returned to the school on March 7th (1st & 3rd Wednesday).

2017/18 Winter programme again averaged 18 walkers, an excellent turnout considering inclement weather for most walks. The December walk was cancelled due to ice but folk still turned up to enjoy refreshments provided by CoCo for a small charge.

We plan to continue with the 2018/19 Winter programme, December through February on 2nd & 4th Wednesday (except Dec 26th).

Our main route at the Golf Course has a deviation at Dinmore. The walk will be slightly longer but will avoid negotiating a stile. Shropshire Council are to replace two other stiles with gates to make this a stile free route.

Macmillan will end their national association with WfH at the end of this month. This will have no impact on Cleobury WfH.

WfH will again have a table at the Cleobury Community Day event on June 23rd. This years location will be the Parish Hall.

Deana is happy to continue to administer the WfH database and unless anyone wishes to take over the general admin, I will continue in that role.

Without the help of trained walk leaders, Cleobury WfH would not exist. My thanks go to CMFA members, Mazella W-H; Una W; Deana K; Judy S and Veronica H for not leading us astray. We are also assisted by non-members Mandy Smith; Carole Evans and Rose Moule.

We continue to appeal for walk leaders. We require a minimum of 4 trained leaders for each meeting so we can offer two walks, one for the less able. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming a walk leader. I can be contacted at ajkimber@hotmail.com or by phone on 01299 271754

Alan Kimber

13.03.2018

Social Walk Report for 2018 AGM

The Social walks program for 2017 consisted of 9 walks and a weekend away in April 2017.

Many thanks go to all the walk leaders for their assistance in arranging a varied programme, and for their excellent navigation skills. The walks averaged 6.5 miles in length and either ended with a picnic, BBQ, pub lunch or a breakfast. The average attendance was 15 which is slightly higher than the 14 from the previous year.

In April 2017, 23 members went to Ruthin for an enjoyable weekend organised by Alan Kimber, walking in North Wales. Wetherspoons did not live up to their reputation from the previous year having big problems with their kitchen equipment – fortunately their ability to serve drinks was not impaired.

A more ambitious week long trip to the Isle of Man has been organised by Christine Adkins and Derek Ball for April 23rd 2018. It has been very well supported with 22 members signing up for the trip.

In May, Judy and John Sant organised a very successful breakfast walk and have kindly offered to do the same in 2018.

In July, Bob Westwood (with assistance from Russell and Mazella) kindly hosted a very well supported BBQ. Unfortunately, the cherry trees failed to manage their diaries correctly and produced a couple of weeks too early!

It was very nice to see Val and Graham Simpson were able to join us at several of the lunches and we very much hope this will continue for 2018. Non walkers are always very welcome to attend the lunches.

Diane Waddington organised an excellent CMFA Annual Dinner at the Sun and Slipper at Mamble which very well attended with a large contingent by the social walkers.

The 2018 program is now underway with walk leaders in place for all the planned walks. We look forward to another year's adventures.

Paul Jennings
09.03.2018

CMFA Website March Report 2018

Since we launched our own website we have recorded just under 10,000 hits and we are well linked to other relevant sites. There have been some relatively minor “hacks” into the site from time to time but none since we purchased a protection from the company 123-reg, whose server we use, this year.

During the last year I have been helped by Judy Sant who took on the Facebook page with great flair and Chris Hargreaves who maintains the calendar which appears on the front page, courtesy of Google.

The website is written with software Webplus 6 which is long out of date and there is no support – in fact Webplus 8 was the last version supported and that is now obsolete. This has meant that I had to work around problems, not easy when my knowledge is limited and we have the software and the server with different companies.

The owners of Webplus have now announced that they are withdrawing totally by March 2019 and this will start by dropping certain bits of software this month. This will give me a little extra work but the user shouldn't see much change – the hit counter will disappear for example.

I propose to redo the website with one of the modern packages that are very easy to use – this can be done incrementally offline and then switched on when ready. These packages cost typically about £5- 8 per month and cover the software, hosting on their server and security, so about £60 -£100 pa. We currently pay £72 pa for security package (due in November) and £108 every 3 years for hosting (due in March 2019). So a switchover by November would avoid paying twice.

The 2 packages I'm considering are Weebly and Wix, though there are more out there. If anybody has experience with one of these, I'd be pleased to hear from them.

Thanks

Graham Simpson

19.03.2018

Walkers are Welcome

	Well done, no real concerns, but of course there is always room for improvement!
	Some concerns, mentor to offer help or guidance and monitor progress
	Major concerns, will need support to get back on track if the town is to remain a member.

Name of Member town or village	Cleobury Mortimer
Name and contact details of Mentor	Naomi Wrighton, Naomi@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk 01952 247706

Category from 2017 Annual Return (each year differs)	Colour	Notes to be used as feedback i.e. Add brief details on which your comments are based. Praise innovation, examples of best practice, good progress Note little progress, areas of concern, helpful suggestions
Achievements & Innovation		Well done on your path diversion and the leaflets.
1. Demonstration of continued local support & partners		
2. Evidence of continued endorsement by local council		
3. Indicate a commitment to ensure that the local public path network will be maintained in good condition		“CMFA P3 footpath maintenance group is held as an exemplar out of the 66 P3 groups” Well done on all the good work that you do. (After looking at last year’s return I know SEW is the Simon Evans Way)
3b. And other facilities		I think you have used last year’s form.
4. Marketing of your WaW status		I see you have entered you details on the national site but you are using the default picture I think.
4b. National WaW		It would be good if you felt you could contribute to the national effort, e.g. by attending the get together.
5. Public Transport		It’s a pity you are so poorly served.
6. Maintaining status, committee details		
6b. Governance Constitution Bank Account		CMFA is clearly well constituted and stable. Last year you spoke about forming a WaW committee. There is no mention of this this year.
6c Funding Sustainable or grants		
Community Advantages		
Priorities for 2018		A sensible set of priorities
Overall traffic light colour Summary		A good account of a successful year. (The form varies a little each year, please download a fresh one for next year.)

FOOD & ALE TRAIL 2018 REPORT FOR MARCH MEMBERS MEETING.

Walk Route

- The walk is about 7.5 miles long and is yet to be measured and timed between the stopping points.
- Any repairs or clearance work needed will be identified.

Marshalling

- Volunteers are needed for this.

Advertising

- Preliminary advertising has been done in Country Walking, CMFA website and Facebook pages, and the March edition of the Clarion.
- A dedicated email address for FAT enquiries via CMFA website has been set up.

Sponsorship

- Carol has submitted the following applications and is awaiting replies from Cleobury Town Council, the Coop, and Midland Quarry Products.
- Hobsons are sponsoring the event with the supply of beer at Hopton Wafers and the Sports & Social Club.

Food & Drink

- The **morning stop** at Lower Bransley will be hosted by Diane and Janet.
- The **lunchtime stop** at Hopton Wafers Village Hall will be hosted by Graham and Val.
The catering to be agreed with Sarah Pearce and Clare, Kate, and Carol have volunteered to help.
- The **afternoon stop** at Broom Park Farm will be hosted by Catherine Evans and CoCo.
- The **evening stop** at the Sports and Social will be hosted by Graham and Val.
The Spice Empire will be catering.
The Ranters have been booked for the musical entertainment