

Footpath Report. Feb 2023

Since the last Report, the weather has been fairly settled with some cold frosts, little rain, but few high winds. This has meant little damage to trees being brought down.

Mortimer Trail.

A recent report from a footpath user has indicated that a large broken branch was hanging above the Trail ready to fall. It is situated on the ridge above Yatton Hill Common near the seat to the South of the Iron Fort. I will check and see if I can dislodge it before creates a problem.

Near the Ballsgate end, I have strengthened the steps on the stile as you enter the Sned Wood. This was needed to be done prior to the organised walk along that section.

The Seat situated along the Trail as you approach Lyepole Cottage under Sned Wood, has been dug up to discover the reason for it sinking into the ground at a rather interesting angle.



As can be seen the main support Posts are rotten. I have replaced it temporarily and it can be used, however a more permanent fix is required. I will get in touch with Forestry to see if I can gain access to effect repairs. I need a few tools to do the job but can't ferry tools back and forth leaving them accessible to being taken by the Wood Fairies.

AY 1A. (Riverside Inn.)

I need to check the path to see if the bracken growth has once again made access difficult, if so I will clear it back.

AY 16. (Gately Estate.)

I will approach the Estate Farm Manager to assist in marking the Footpath through the crop field. This will mark the path leading from Leinthall Common and heads south towards Leinthall Earls.

Currently there appears to be no serious problems, or obstacles around the Parish.

Hoople.

Whilst in Hereford I took the opportunity to locate the Offices of Hoople, the new contact for Footpath Officers to approach for any work to be done, instead of Balfour Beatty.

They are located on the Three Elms Industrial Estate just behind the "Range" shop, the large Nationwide shopping outlet.

I have left my details with them in the event of any future courses or meetings and also obtained some more Footpath waymarkers.

Receipts.

Nothing purchased this month.

Nothing further to report. Happy walking.