

February Report 2025

I'm back, late November I began the consultation process to have a hip replacement operation. Still recovering, but able to carry out some duties, I can now look forward to getting back to work.

During my time recuperating, we have had a number storms but fortunately not too many trees have fallen across paths creating problems.

Mortimer Trail leading to Pokehouse Wood.

Steps.

The truck has been loaded with the wood supplied by National Trust to refurbish the dilapidated steps. Hopefully the rain will clear over the next few days, so that I can take the wood and store it closer to the work site, I have spoken to those people who have agreed to assist in the work, and they are ready to help.

Account.

As agreed, I will be opening an Account with Mortimer Building Supplies, so that I can obtain the materials I need to carry out the work on both the Steps and Gates.

I want to do this so that I can see how this all works. The Clerk can also see what is being ordered and maintain a check on this. I will order one Gate which is intended to be placed on the Gately Estate on the left of the road driving from Yatton towards Leinthall Earls on the roadside at AY 14.

AY1A.

A report was received of a tree down on the path leading up from the Riverside Inn. I believe work was carried out from the Inn Owners, clearing the hedge on the right as you walk up the hill. They may well have also cleared the obstruction. I will check and clear it if needed.

AY6.

I have noticed the roadside Gate opposite Corner Cottage in Yatton has a chain and padlock on, which denies access to AY6 heading West towards the A4110. Perhaps a letter to the Landowner could request removal.

Receipts.

There are currently no receipts to be tendered, however the Chainsaw is due a service which I will arrange over the next week or so.

That completes the Report, except to note my disappointment in our efforts to provide good clear Footpaths and attracting Walkers to the area. Being in a valley, we only have limited options when considering easier routes for less abled Walkers. By not allowing Gates to replace old Stiles on arable land, this denies us the ability to have that option. C'est la vie. Unless something changes, we are stuck with it.

Happy days, bring on the Spring. Walk your sock off.