

Aymestrey Parish

Footpath Report January 2022

Where has the time gone, it seems an age since I wrote a Footpath Report. I thought I had sent one in Nov/2021, but can't find a record of it.

Since that time, we have had covid restrictions, two named storms and Xmas and New Year. I have been busy clearing the Wigmore Loop Path which runs down from the Iron Fort at Croft and down towards Yatton, then joins AY8. The dead Lime tree came down across the path near AY15 / Wigmore Loop path and the access path to Deep Moor, near the boundary of Mr Dawes property, blocking all the paths. With a great deal of assistance from Mr Dawes this access was reopened.



The group of trees halfway up the hill suffered with Storm Arwen, which felled 3 or 4 substantial conifer trees completely blocking the Path.



We then had a visit from Storm Barra which again took out two large trees and a section of Footpath at the top of Yatton Hill near the seat blocking the Mortimer Trail. These are all now clear.



The Seat can be seen in the top left corner by the standing tree.



Further work was carried out on AY1, which had smaller trees felled by the two Storms.

AY15 also needs a check as reports suggest this has also suffered damage. Fortunately not as extensive.

Whilst working on the Mortimer Trail at the top of Yatton Hill, I did notice the information board was showing signs of wear and could do with a refurbishment.

Checks need to be carried out on Paths over towards Covenhope, Ballsgate and Lye. I will schedule these in as and when I can.

Expenses.

I have a receipt for fuel which was needed to carry out the work undertaken and tender this for your approval for payment. Total cost; £25.24.

This then completes the Footpath Report for this period. Trust everyone is well and looking forward to heading into Spring.

Dave D. Footpath Officer, Aymestrey Parish.

