Footpath Report. July 2025

Summer rolls on with the occasional drop of rain. The garden is growing, unfortunately so is the Bracken, blackberries and nettles.

AY1, Aymestrey Hall and West towards Covenhope.

Once again, a new growth of nettles created a problem in an area of about 40 metres long as you proceed up the hill prior to Mantal Cottage. This is the third time this season this area has had to be strimmed, the path is now once again clear.

AY1A. From the Riverside Inn West linking up with AY1.

Bracken growth now quite high. Currently being strimmed.

AY15/AY17.

Now cleared.

Sunday 20th July 2025.

The Hill Fort Hussle.

An event organised by the local Croft Ambrey Cross Country Running Club. The start line began at Aymestrey and went via Yatton, Leinthall Earls Gatley Estate, Croft, the Iron age Fort then returning back to Aymestrey, a distance of 10 miles.

My thanks go to the many volunteers from the Running Club, who with strimmers at the ready did a marvelous job in clearing both paths and PROWs to create a cross-country course.

A very successful event putting Aymestrey on the map with over 250 Competitors with runners form near and far.

AY14/AY15. Roadside gates replacing Stiles on the Lane between Yatton and Leinthall Earls.

I have spoken to the Gatley Farm Manager and when I clear the vegetation around the current stiles, he will use a machine to pull out the old posts, I can then replace Gates in both places.

Steps. Mortimer Trail.

A message has been left with the National Trust Ranger, Jason. I am just awaiting an all clear to move materials closer to the work site on the steps. Hoping to have the steps completed by the end of the month.

Mortimer Trail. Near Covenhope/Shobdon Wood.

Work planned to strim the path from the road, then South up towards Shobdon Wood.

Expenses.

No expenses this month.

The paths are in good shape and once the planned work is complete we are open and ready for footsteps.

Councillors, please advise if there is any other work you want me to undertake.

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Footpath Officer.

Aymestrey Parish.