Footpath Report June 2023

With Summer upon us, the vegetation has finally taken off after the rains came at the beginning of the month.

All paths which had low vegetation but quite accessible, have suddenly blossomed. Nettles went from one or two feet in height, suddenly are now pushing five foot.

Combined with brambles and bracken, the jungle needs taming. Time to get out the big strimmer and tackle the problem.

Mortimer Trail, Lyepole to Ballsgate. AY8, Yatton towards Wigmore. AY15, Leinthall Common, AY1. Aymestrey Village Hall and west towards Covenhope, and AY1A, from the Riverside Inn joining AY1, all need attention. Previously I had cleared AY1A, but again it needs a trim. I am currently working on AY1, Village Hall towards Covenhope.

Strimmer.

The issued Strimmer, which I have used over the last eight years, and was previously used by Don Griffiths is beginning to show its age. The engine still runs, but the controls to turn the rotor head is not working. I therefore ask, do we send it in to be looked at, or consider a replacement.

This needs to be discussed. Unfortunately, it chooses to be faulty just when needed the most. I will of course continue the work using my own machinery, until a repair or replacement decision can be made.

There are no receipts for payment this month.

I have noticed an increase in Walker activity, quite often using the Hall

Car Park as a starting point. So it is important to keep the paths open to allow access for these groups.

At the moment there are no reports of problems coming in. Although my number is in the Aymestrey Matters, perhaps a notice needs to be put on the new Notice Board for those people who don't have the benefit of the Aymestrey Matters. I will approach the Village Hall Committee and see if this is possible.

Let's hope for a long fine Summer and happy Walkers.

As Bugs Bunny say's " That's all folks.".