Footpath Report June 2025.

What a difference a day makes. Tropical heat, then rain, unfortunately ideal conditions for bracken, brambles and nettles to thrive.

AY1/AY1A These paths have been checked and they need some strimming carried out, which I will do as soon as I am able.

On Sunday 20th July there is a cross country race scheduled around Aymestrey, Gatley Estate and Yatton. I need to check AY18 and AY15 to ensure that there are no obstructions, particularly in the area of Leinthall Common.

Mortimer Trail Steps

An update in regard to the steps near Yatton Court. The top flight of steps are now in place but they need stone placing to the front risers to maintain an even level. The handrails on the steeper section are also required. Signs have been placed above and below the work area warning users to take extra care while the refurbishment is ongoing. I am trying to contact the National Trust ranger to see if we can get access to the top of the steps to place stone. Otherwise it is a manual effort from below, across fields and then up to the top flights.

Shobdon Wood – Forestry England.

I have been in touch with Forestry England and given a What3Word reference to the two trees that are currently blocking the Mortimer Trail underneath Shobdon Wood as you proceed to Covenhope.

Work to do

- Complete the work on the Mortimer Trail steps above Yatton Court.
- Install the first gate on the National Trust by Yatton Hill Common.

With luck and given time, the hip replacement and broken ribs will no longer slow me up. Looking forward to the summer.

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