

March Footpath Report 2025

March turning to April. The year is flying by. If the previous summer weather in New Zealand is anything to go by, we are in for a sunny warm Summer. Picnics at scenic spots along Aymestrey's footpath network, an adventure to be shared. What more do you need.

Steps.

The wood provided by National Trust to complete repairs to the Steps above Yatton Court on the Mortimer Trail has been delivered and is now stored closer to the work site. I will be contacting those who have indicated will help with the work. With regard to how payments are to be paid for manual labour in completing work on the steps, I suggest an Invoice from myself to the Parish Council, unless you have any other suggestions.

The Account for supplies at the Mortimer Building Supplies is now in place, and I will begin to test the system with an initial order of Gate Posts and bags of Post Crete which will be at the proposed Gate access on AY 14. Situated between Yatton and Leinthall Earls on the left as you proceed towards Leinthall.

AY1.

The Footpath from the Village Hall and West up towards Mantle Cottage has been cleared. In the upper section, trees have been slowly leaning across the path causing you to have to bend to get under them. These have now been cleared, and the path is easy to negotiate. Nettle growth is low but will need strimming as the growth begins. Will need doing around May.

AY1A.

Work on the hedgerow on the boundary of the Riverside Inn has been completed and the path clear. Again, bracken growth is not causing any problems, and the path is open. I see someone has been using the Footpath Marker on a post near the farmland at the top as an aiming point with an air rifle. Judging from the spread of shot, he needs all the practice he can get. I will replace the Marker. When the green bracken shoots emerge. I will run the strimmer over it.

AY6.

I notice the padlock still remains on the gate giving access to AY6. Situated in Yatton with the path heading West towards the A4110.

No further issues have been reported with the Footpaths.

Chainsaw service.

The chainsaw is due for an annual service and will be going in tomorrow.

No other expenses are being considered this month.

That concludes this Month's report.

Iron the Picnic cloth, refurbish the Hamper and enjoy the Summer.

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Aymestrey Parish FPO.