

Footpath Report October 2022

As yet autumn 2022 has been relatively quiet with no violent storms compared to autumn 2021. Vegetation growth has been prolific with some footpaths requiring strimming on several occasions. The most difficult of these being the Mortimer Trail between Ballsgate and Lyepole Bridge, a distance of approximately 1.5 mls which I have revisited several times since the beginning of the year.

I am currently clearing AY15 located east of the Yatton-Leinthall Earles lane. A section of this path was blocked by two large fallen oak trees. Access was made passable by cutting a 3 ft gap through the trunks on the footpath. The vegetation that has subsequently grown over the fallen trees has made it difficult to access the gap and I am now working on making this path accessible once again.

A report of a fallen tree on a track used by locals has been noted. The track is a useful link path between AY4 (bridle path) and Yatton Hill Common but not a designated footpath so will not take a priority over other work.

Hoope arranged a meeting for Footpath Officers in September which I attended. This meeting was followed up with an email from Hoope, cc'd to the Parish Clerk, indicating that a further meeting could be arranged in the future – date tba – which I will attend if at all possible.

Strimmer and chainsaws are all working well. The chainsaws will require professional sharpening.

I attach a receipt for fuel used in clearance work. £15.82.

Footpath Users

I have noticed some large groups of walkers assembling at the Parish Hall carpark over the last couple of months. Are there any plans to provide footpath information and maps of the local area?

This completes my report. Hopefully the winter months will not be too severe.

Dave Dunn