

Autumn Footpath Report 2023

Autumn is now upon us, although the weather is still warm. That will soon change.

Plenty of vegetation growth is evident and many paths are due for a trim. Unfortunately, during August, I sustained an injury to my wrist and have been unable to use any power tools. Recovery is almost complete, however I am well behind in keeping up with the growing and clearing that is needed.

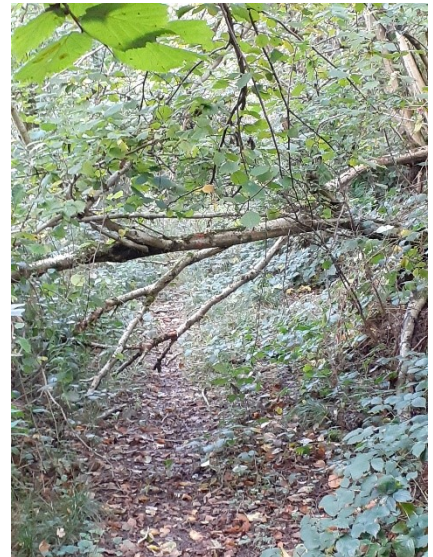
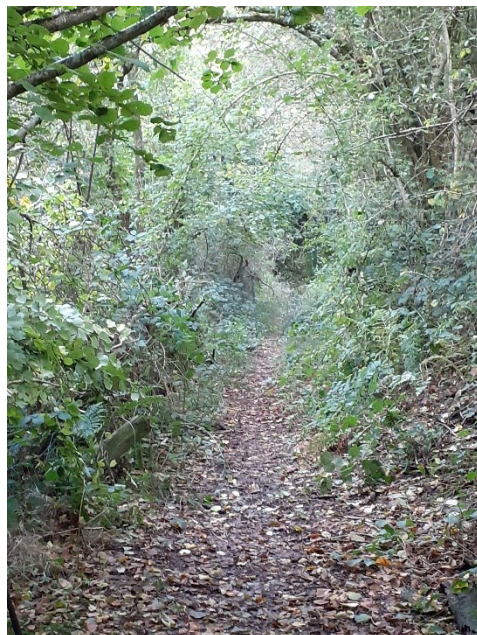
Work carried out.

I have been able to use hand tools to clear small fallen trees.



AY15 on the right of the Yatton to Leinthall Earls road, was so overgrown, the stile could not be seen. That is now clear.

A further report was received of fallen trees blocking the same path (AY15), as it continues south below Leinthall Common towards Yatton Cottage, below Yatton Hill Common. Again this has now been cleared.



Scheduled Work.

Whilst taking part in the organised walk for Children in Need, a fallen tree was found to be partly blocking the footpath and difficult to negotiate. This is on AY7, as you walk from above Beeches Grove through to Common Wood. That is to be cleared first.

A further problem was noted on the Mortimer Trail, where AY3 proceeds from Yatton Court up towards Pokehouse Wood.

The steps on the initial rise are seriously worn, and in wet weather have deteriorated to a point where they are dangerous to walk on. They need replacing and levelling. A difficult task and one that I will be taking to Hoople, to see if a work team can be organised to undertake a repair. In the meantime I will repair as best I can.

Strimming is needed on AY1A, from the Riverside Inn, and up the hill to link up with AY1. Also further work needs to be done on the Yatton Hill Common, the Wigmore Loop track from Yatton Cottage and east up towards the Iron Age Fort near Croft. Getting these tasks completed will put us back on track before Winter sets in.

No fuel expenses are requested this month.

The Slow Walks initiative linking Parish Footpaths for the lesser able walkers, it is proving difficult to locate a route. As Aymestrey is situated in a Glacial Valley, the majority of Footpaths at some point have steep gradients and difficult sections. To the North is Wigmore Parish, and it is possible to link up using either lanes, or AY4A, (part of the Wigmore Loop) or, AY16 / AY14 / or AY13, heading towards Leinthall Earles and on towards Wigmore. To the South, there are paths, however rather than quiet lanes to travel along, busy main roads too dangerous for pedestrian users link the Footpaths. Otherwise East of Aymestrey is Croft, up a steep path or West towards Shobdon and Lingen, again climbing out of the Valley.

That completes this months Report, let's hope for a gentle winter without too many problems and getting the catchup going smoothly.

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