

Aymestrey Parish Footpath Report

January/2021.

A strange year indeed, 2020 and locked down since March. Looking forward to some normality and getting back out there. I must admit, being the Footpath Officer during these Covid times, I am thankful for the opportunity to have been able to at least get out into the fresh air.

The Pathways have not been neglected and most are walkable. The only problem currently is the very muddy areas especially on slopes. Those Paths are a challenge, whether going up or coming down, sometimes faster than you planned, not necessarily still standing on your feet. With regard to obstructions, we have been relatively fortunate and not too many trees have come down to create problems. Work has been carried out on Stiles at Ballsgate Common, repairing Rails on the Mortimer Trail near Yatton Court and path clearances on AY 5, AY 17 and AY18. Work on the Stile (AY17) at Leinthall Earls is due next. The steps are in need of repair.

AY17.



AY17.

Negotiable but needs clearing.



AY18.

Useable.



A repair of the Railing on the Mortimer Trail at Yatton Court on the lower section below Pokehouse Wood has been done. Further up this section of pathway is difficult to use, as the steps have become eroded or are missing, and with the wet conditions, proves a challenge to stay upright. As this is a very busy path, immediate attention is required. To that end, any trees cleared, have been sawn up to provide steps which need putting in place.

A thank you to the Estate Manager at Gately Estate, who has arranged a reunion between the new fence and a new Stile which has been successfully carried out on AY17. Also, for allowing access to areas in order to carry out repairs

Mortimer Trail. AY3.



Lower Marsh Common.

Clearance of common land undertaken by local Residents.

As this is already on the Meeting Agenda and is covered in a separate Report, I make no further comment but can verbally give an account if needed.

That concludes this Footpath Report.

No expenses have accrued through this latest period and I look forward to continuing the work.

The Footpaths await your footsteps, get out there, but retain social distancing and stay safe.

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