

## Footpath Report May 2025

Summer is on the way. Warm sunny days with little rain. Paths are relatively clear of undergrowth, easy job. Then it happened, the rain came down and the undergrowth reached for the sky. Strimmer needed.

**AY1A.** Path strimmed where needed and now clear.

**AY1.** Again, the nettles and bracken have been cut back and a few more overhanging branches cleared.

### **Mortimer Trail. (Lyepole to Ballsgate.)**

As reported last month two trees had fallen across the Trail and were causing problems. These have now been cleared and further strimming on the Lyepole end of the Trail completed, making a very pleasant walk along the River Bank.



### **Mortimer Trail. (Shobdon Wood.)**

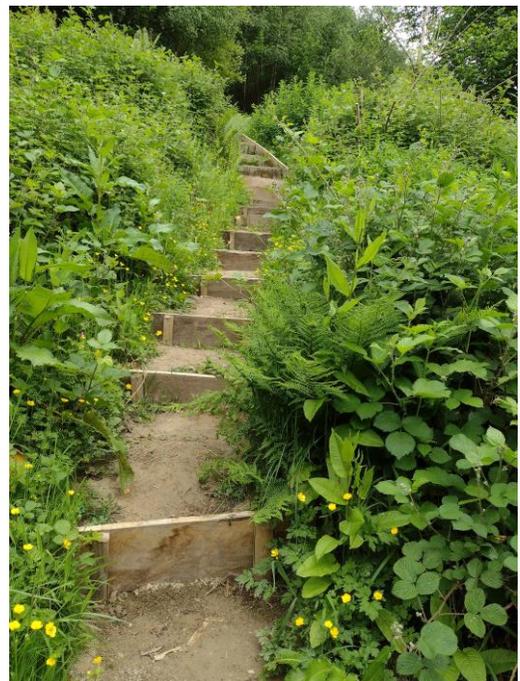


A further two large Oak trees have fallen across the Trail and are causing a problem just under Shobdon Wood heading towards Covenhope. Reported to Forestry England, these need the attention of a Forester. My folding saw isn't up for the task.

### **Mortimer Trail (Steps.)**

The work on the steps still continues. They have been rebuilt on the steep upper section and hand rails are due to be installed making it easier to negotiate. What was the most dangerous section is now safe to use.

There is however a section above that, which is a problem. Situated right on the boundary of Aymestrey and Lucton/Kingsland Parishes. Some remedial work is required. Perhaps the Landowner may be requested to have their volunteers scheduled to complete that task. The section is where the Trail leads on up towards Pokehouse Wood.



**Croft Ambury Runners.** Recently I have had a request from the Croft Ambury Runners to check the paths that are due to be used for a Race on the 29th/July/25.

They intend to have the race, which uses AY15 and AY18 around Leinthall Earls area, and have asked if I can check the Paths to see they are clear of obstructions. I will do so over the coming weeks.

**AY5 Yatton/Pyon Wood.**



The stile on AY5 opposite the Yatton junction is in a poor state of repair and needs to be replaced. There is no roadside Finger Post nor steps to get over the rail. Perhaps a letter could be sent to the Landowner, so that he can purchase a replacement Stile and Finger Post at a discounted price from the Council.

**Expenses.** There are no expenses this month.

**Mortimer Builder Supply Account.**

To date I have obtained the following items for the work being done on the Steps as well as the Stiles that are due to be replaced with Gates.

- 2 X 3 ft gates, including the necessary furniture.
- Gate Posts.
- Hand Rails and Posts.
- Screws and Nails.

Yet to order by the end of June.

- 1 X 3ft Gate with Furniture.
- 1 Bag of Scalpings.

This I will do in June, which will complete the agreed refurbishment of the Paths.

As Buggs Bunny says, Thats all folks.  
Enjoy the Aymestrey Parish Footpaths.

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