

# **Aymestrey Parish Footpath Report**

## **September 2021**

As predicted, the summer seems to be continuing. Are we in for an Indian summer. Great.

What wasn't predicted was the June/July rain, which gave the vegetation a boost and bracken and brambles grew at an alarming rate. One complaint received indicated that the AY15 was unsurpassable due to the height of the bracken. Knowing the path I was surprised, as AY15 doesn't support bracken. A quick inspection of AY15/AY17 and AY18 could not find jungle proportion growth. On returning to Yatton via the Iron Fort and down towards Yatton, I found the jungle. The track leading from the Mortimer Trail and beginning the Wigmore Loop section was indeed well overgrown. Happy to say after some work the Track is now open, in fact, not long after completing the task, I expected to receive a letter from NASA, to say that cleared section could be seen from space.

Further work has continued on the Mortimer Train on the section between Covenhope and Ballsgate Common. A wide path has been cleared and already I have received thanks from three people for the work carried out.

There is a small section on AY18 to be cleared with bracken beginning to come through, up near Bircher Common.

An Oak tree down on AY18 also needs to be cleared.

Otherwise all seems to be working fine.

There is a sponsored 4 mile circular walk on the 10/Oct, meeting at 10 AM at the Aymestrey Village Hall and returning for tea or coffee after. I will check the route to see all is clear.

### **Receipts.**

A receipt for fuel used with the strimmer for £25.04, has been submitted to the Clerk for payment approval.