Throughout the course of the year since the last AGM, we have worked on a total of 36 sessions, comprising an estimated 330 person-hours. These sessions covered a range of activities including:

* Cutting back overgrown vegetation
* Clearing fallen trees
* Litter picking (along and around the areas we have cleared)
* Way-marking the new route of the Shropshire Way Long Distance Path from Rodington to the top of the Wrekin
* Providing assistance to the Friends of Wellington Station with the clearing of the old Platform 3 in readiness for the ‘Secret Garden’
* Participated in community litter picking sessions with Telford Street Champions

From December through to the middle of May, our activities focused mainly on the clearance of fallen trees following months of high winds.

Our sessions during the main ‘growing seasons’ have been more productive this year due to the purchase just prior to last years AGM, of a petrol engine brush-cutter. Several overgrown footpaths, which would previously have taken 2 or possibly 3 return visits, have been opened up in single sessions.

The sites we have worked on through the year, several of which we have visited more than once, are:

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| * Allscott - railway crossing
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| * Bank Farm Wrockwardine Road to Orleton Lane
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| * Bratton - back of Moor Farm to Cheshire Coppice
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| * Cheshire Coppice lane to Elmsdale Cresent
 |
| * Christine Avenue - Boardwalk / M54
 |
| * Ercall woods - Shropshire Way
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| * Ercall woods entrance - Golf Links Lane / M54
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| * Hollandstile - Old Shropshire Way
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| * Limekiln Woods - Hutchison Way
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| * Limekiln Woods - Limekilns towards Short Woods
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| * Limekiln Woods - Limekilns towards The Hatch
 |
| * Limekiln Woods – Old Reservoir to Golf course
 |
| * New Works - former coal site / Hutchison Way
 |
| * Queensway to Horton Lane (around solar farm)
 |
| * Roseway parallel path (Tan Bank to New Church Road)
 |
| * Rushmoor Lane parallel path
 |
| * Wellington Railway Station – Platform 3 ‘Secret Garden’
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| * Woodlands Avenue N to Orleton Lane
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| * Woodlands Avenue S to Hollies Road
 |
| * Woodlands Avenue S to Powder Lane
 |
| * Wrekin - Forest Glen / Rifle Range
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| * Wrekin Golf course - N/W corner
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| * Wrekin Link (Admaston Allotments to Wrockwardine Road)
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Further ‘equipment’ expenditure has been minimal - Strimmer line, 2 bow saws (very useful for the tree clearing), gearhead grease and petrol for the brush-cutter.

Thanks to everybody who has contributed to making the path maintenance sessions so successful. We are always open to new volunteers, and to receiving reports of footpath blockages that we may be able to assist with.

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