

Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Path Maintenance Organiser Report - AGM Sunday 14/07/19

Throughout the course of the year since the last AGM, we have worked on a total of 26 sessions, comprising an estimated 261 person-hours. 6 other sessions were cancelled - 3 due to weather conditions, 2 due to lack of available work (winter months), and 1 due to lack of numbers attending. Our average attendance is across all sessions was 3.8 persons.

The worked sessions covered a range of activities including:

- Cutting back overgrown vegetation
- Clearing fallen trees
- Litter picking (supplementary to path clearing along and around areas worked)
- Litter picking (sole activity)
- Continued way-marking of the Shropshire Way, Hutchison Way, and T50 50 Mile Trail.
- Providing assistance to the Friends of Wellington Station with the clearing of the old Platform 3 in readiness for the 'Secret Garden' project.

Several sessions from December through to April were given over to purely litter picking, or to waymarking as there was little or no requirement to clear paths at that time.

Our sessions during the main 'growing seasons' have continued to be more productive with the use of the 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:

- Allscott - railway crossing
- Arleston Village Lane
- Bratton - back of Moor Farm to Cheshire Coppice
- Cheshire Coppice lane to Elmsdale Crescent
- Christine Avenue - Boardwalk / M54
- Ercall woods - Shropshire Way
- Hollandstile - Old Shropshire Way
- Limekiln Woods - Hutchison Way
- Limekiln Woods - Limekilns towards The Hatch
- New Works - former coal site / Hutchison Way
- Roseway parallel path (Tan Bank to New Church Road)
- Rushmoor Lane parallel path
- Sunnylands Wrockwardine Road to Orleton Lane
- Tiddiecross – Old Shropshire Way
- Wellington Station – Secret Garden Project
- Woodlands Avenue N to Orleton Lane
- Woodlands Avenue S to Hollies Road
- Woodlands Avenue S to Powder Lane
- Wrekin – Forest Glen – Litter pick
- Wrekin Link (Admaston Allotments to Wrockwardine Road)
- Wrockwardine – clearing stiles around the village

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Further 'equipment' expenditure has been minimal – a new blade and petrol for the brush-cutter, and parts to repair one of the battery operated strimmers.

Thanks again 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.

Please contact us at: PathTeam@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk