

Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Footpath Secretarys Report - AGM Sunday 03/08/25

My responsibilities continue to be centred mainly on dealing with footpath queries received via Facebook and email, and commenting on and checking compliance of planning applications and other proposals that we have been made aware of that may have an impact on the Rights of Way in our area.

I have represented WWaW on the Local Access Forum meetings, of which there have been 3 since our last AGM. Following the appointment of a new chairperson last year, these meetings have continued on a regular schedule.

In conjunction with my role as Path Maintenance Team Organiser, I have reported issues to and continued to lobby the Telford & Wrekin Rights of Way team to expedite repairs or replacement of footpath furniture and signage, and clearance of major blockages, including enforcement of land owners to reinstate Rights of Way after cropping which is becoming an increasing problem.

I have compiled and submitted reports on behalf of our committee on various planning proposals that impact on our local Rights of Way. One in particular was the application for a pay and display car park on the 'Donkey Field' at the foot of the Wrekin where our proposals to change the plan appear to have been adopted (although we may not have been the sole party to make these suggestions).

We continue to monitor the Telford and Wrekin Local Plan which includes significant developments to the north of Wellington extending from Bratton, across through Wappenshall, to Eyton on the Weald Moors. Our comments and suggestions are restricted to impacts on existing Rights of Way, and possible improvements and extensions.

If you are aware of footpath issues that you feel we may be able to assist with, please contact us via :

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