

# Wellington Walkers are Welcome

## Path Maintenance Team Organisers Report - AGM Sunday 07/08/22

Since the last AGM (03/11/21), 9 months, a shorter period than usual, we have worked on a total of 17 sessions, comprising circa 228 person-hours. During this period only 2 sessions were cancelled - 1 due to availability, and 1 due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday. Our average attendance across all sessions was 4.5 persons.

The worked sessions covered a similar range of activities to previous years including:

- Cutting back overgrown vegetation
- Clearing stiles / kissing gates
- Clearing fallen trees
- Litter picking (supplementary to path clearing, along and around areas worked)
- Litter picking (sole activity)
- Maintaining way-marking of Rights of Way and designated routes / trails

During main 'growing seasons' our work is primarily clearance of undergrowth, outside of these times it has been dealing with fallen trees.

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

- Admaston – Elmsdale Crescent / Cheshire Coppice Lane
- Allscott - railway crossing
- Ercall woods - Shropshire Way
- Hutchison Way – Wrekin Golf Club
- Limekiln Woods - Boardwalk steps
- New Works (former coal site)
- Rushmoor Lane parallel path
- Sunnylands Wrockwardine Road to Orleton Lane
- Tiddiecross - Old Shropshire Way
- Wrekin Link (Admaston Allotments to Wrockwardine Road)
- Wrockwardine - clearing stiles around the village

On 2 of our sessions we worked together with Wrekin Golf Club, and with an independent tree surgeon, both of whom assisted with the use of chainsaws for tree clearance, which we are not permitted to use in a public place due to licensing and insurance issues.

Equipment expenditure has been minimal – comprising mainly petrol and parts for the brush-cutter.

We continue to lobby Telford & Wrekin Council to deal with issues that are beyond our capabilities, such as significant fallen trees, and stile / footbridge repairs or replacements, albeit with limited success. One major success was the removal of major tree falls on the path off the Wrekin from Halfway House to Wrekin Course.

Thanks again to everybody who has contributed to making the path maintenance sessions so successful. The impact of our sessions can be seen in the Path Team Galley on our website at: <https://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/path-maintenance-new>

We are open to new volunteers joining our email list, and to receiving reports of footpath issues that we may be able to assist with.

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