

Abbots Morton Parish Path Warden

Report on Activity 2018

Introduction

I was appointed as Path Warden for the parish of Abbots Morton in early 2018. This report details the activities I have undertaken in that role during the year. It should be read in conjunction with the attached table.

Monitoring the footpaths

During the year I have monitored all 58 footpaths on at least two occasions apart from those on land associated with an investigation into a report of an aggressive dog which I was advised to avoid. In total I have carried out 166 visits to individual footpaths on more than 20 different days, representing over 60km travelled.

For the most part the footpaths were well maintained and easily passable. The table shows 10 paths where there are ongoing issues that were not resolved on the last occasion I monitored the path (also noted).

During the year I cleared vegetation on 541 and 543 on several occasions as well as around the stiles on 529 and 530. In addition I improved the signage at the north end of 547.

Other Activities

As well as monitoring the footpaths I attended Parish Council meetings on two occasions. Firstly in March to brief the Council on my role and listen to any points they wished to raise. Secondly in July to offer advice over making some of the footpaths more accessible.

I also attended training provided by Worcestershire CC regarding the role of the Path Warden and the safe use of strimmers.

Work carried out by Worcestershire CC

During the year the County Council has invested in the footpaths in the Parish by replacing a culvert and bridle-gate towards the west end of 558. They have also supplied two kissing gates for a landowner installation on 554 (south of Slade Wood) and organised a section of summer vegetation clearance following on from a report that I made.

Officers have recently carried out an inspection at New Farm regarding the report of aggressive dogs and found that suggested actions including moving the cages have not been taken. This issue is ongoing.

Summary

I have thoroughly enjoyed the task of Path Warden and have already been out in the Parish on several occasions this year.

Noel Fowler
March 2019

Path number	length (m)	total visits	date of last visit	issues noted on last visit
500B	543	6	2/12	2 stiles broken in middle section
501B	109	8	16/12	none
502B	172	7	16/12	none
503C	961	3	16/12	none
504C	95	2	11/11	none
505C	26	2	11/11	none
506D	34	0		Reported incidents being investigated
507D	93	0		
508D	49	0		
509C	183	0		
510C	111	4	2/11	Stile at south end blocked
511C	220	5	11/11	none
512C	456	2	11/11	none
513C	222	2	24/7	none
514C	701	2	11/11	none
515C	619	2	11/11	none
516C	25	0		Reported incidents being investigated
517D	74	0		
518C	78	0		
519C	478	3	2/12	none
520C	256	5	26/9	none
521C	562	3	26/9	none
522C	173	2	11/11	none
523C	563	2	11/11	path does not follow route shown on map
524C	320	2	24/7	none
525C	647	10	2/11	none
526C	85	5	26/9	gate at road broken
527C	470	3	16/12	none
528C	367	3	17/7	none
529C	259	2	17/7	none

Path number	length (m)	total visits	date of last visit	issues noted on last visit
530C	546	3	17/7	tree blocking footbridge
531C	210	2	17/7	stile in middle blocked by vegetation
532C	187	2	17/7	none
533C	914	2	2/12	none
534C	272	3	2/12	low tree branches
535C	59	4	2/12	none
536C	303	5	2/12	none
537C	234	3	11/11	stile in middle needs repair
538C	253	2	24/7	none
539C	409	2	11/11	none
540C	162	5	17/7	none
541C	509	5	17/7	needs regular cutting back of vegetation, handrail on footbridge broken
542C	467	2	5/10	none
543C	286	3	1/7	needs regular cutting back of vegetation
544C	1108	4	2/12	none
546C	92	6	2/11	none
547C	595	6	5/10	none
548C	558	2	2/11	none
549C	41	2	2/11	none
550B	770	3	2/11	none
551C	432	3	17/7	none
554C	343	2	2/11	none
555B	810	2	13/5	none
556B	636	3	5/10	none
557B	126	3	5/10	none
558B	775	2	5/10	none
total	11.097	81		

Map showing main footpaths

More detail can be found online here: <https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside/>

