

FOOTPATH REPORT SINCE JUNE 1ST 2016

The summer proved perfect for bramble, nettle and bracken. Much clearing has been done on areas of many of the footpaths. Sometimes Rights of Way receive reports of paths being impassable. This is not always true but is always investigated. The local Tuesday night walkers (usually 30+ in number) have set a good example by walking and thus trampling and marking paths....This year over 70 Ashover paths and more than 100 miles.

Next year a small group will organise the Tuesday night walks. This will free up time for more activities during other times of day.

1) Stephenson's Countryside Service, through the grant for the Parish Council from The County Council, have completed the strimming of the Sheepwash (Bridleway 152, Milltown) and Footpath 48 (Butts Corner). They have also done similar work on Abraham's Lane and Back Lane. Derbyshire County Council have cut back vegetation on the bridleway near The Manor. (Bridleway 9) and also the upper part of Vernon Lane Kelstedge (bridleway 140).

2) Walks have been prepared to help Bed and Breakfast businesses in the Brockhurst area.

3) A dangerous stile on Footpath 93. near Ravensnest Farm, is no more!

4) Thanks to the co-operation of the landowner, an awkward stile on Footpath 46 below The Rattle has been removed. The exit from the field is now through the original stone squeeze stile. Work to uncover the stone slabs on the path is on-going.

5) Thanks to the landowner, a pedestrian gate has been positioned next to a field gate between Butts Quarry and Goss Hall (Footpath 52).