

Footpath Secretary Report

For Wellington Walkers Are Welcome AGM on Sunday 2nd July 2017

LINKS WITH OTHER LOCAL GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

During the year we have continued to maintain our links to, and where appropriate collaborated with, the following groups & organisations:-

Wellington Town Council Promotions and Liaisons Committee
Wellington Town Council Conservation Group
Wellington Town Council Town Clerks Department (Noticeboard Squad)
Wellington LA21
Friends of Dothill Local Nature Reserve
Friends of Wellington Station
Walkabout Wrekin (WFH Telford)
Telford and Wrekin Local Access Forum
Telford Green Spaces Partnership
Telford and Wrekin Visitor Economy Forum
Telford and East Shropshire Ramblers
Telford and Wrekin Neighbourhood & Leisure Services
Telford and Wrekin Community Payback Team
Telford Senior Citizens Forum
Wrockwardine Parish Council
Little Wenlock Parish Council
Wrekin Forest Partnership
Severn Gorge Countryside Trust
Shropshire Wildlife Trust
Shropshire Council Outdoor Services Team
Central Shropshire Walking Forum
Shropshire Way Association
Shropshire Wild Team
Shrewsbury WAW Application Team

Our key achievements during the year have been the planned rerouting of the Shropshire Way to come through Dothill Local Nature Reserve and the Town centre, the production of 2 "Wellington 360" self-guided circular walk leaflets to the north of the town and the establishment of the Walkers Information Noticeboard in Wellington Railway Station. As part of the newly formed Friends of Wellington Station we will be helping in establishing a path through a green area within the station itself on the site of the old Platform 4.

PUBLICITY DISPLAYS

We have continued to raise our profile within the town and borough by holding number of Display Stalls which we endeavour to share with Walkabout Wrekin.

PATH MAINTENANCE

Our Path Team aim to meet twice a month throughout the year and helped to keep many of our local paths clear for public use. In the last few months, we have obtained a petrol-driven brush cutter which has increased our effectiveness in clearing nettle, brambles etc from overgrown paths. This work has included the path rescue project in Limekiln Woods and the creation of new footpaths & bridleways on the former open cast mining site between New Works and Short Wood.

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