

THE ENVIRONMENT

7. Footpaths & Bridleways

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The opportunity to walk in the Countryside in the Parish attracts many walkers. Some travel to the Parish by car or by other means, and walk for relatively short distances; others pass through the Parish on the long distance Worcestershire Way or by other routes.

The Parish Council has delegated powers from the Worcestershire County Council to maintain and oversee the footpaths and bridleways (apart from the Severn Way and the Worcestershire Way), and works with the two Footpath Officers to co-ordinate maintenance, replacement of damaged stiles and gates, etc.

The Parish Council has published a booklet describing a number of walks using footpaths in the Parish, although this is now out of print, and a new edition (including new walks) is in preparation.

Issues

- Overgrown vegetation
- Damaged or inappropriate stiles and gates
- Missing or confusing signage
- Blocked footpaths, crops and other impediments
- Poor condition of stretches of Severn Way and Worcestershire Way.
- More large kissing gates
- Access for people of limited mobility.

Actions

Stakeholders

Timescale

Continue maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.

PC

Ongoing

Ensure that signage is adequate and accurate.

PC, WFDC

Ongoing

Repair Worcestershire Way and Severn Way

WFDC

Short Term

Policy Statement

The Parish Council will work with the County Council to ensure the proper maintenance and upkeep of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish