

FP Officers Report Sep 25

The dog waste bins have now been delivered; I will have them in situ and operational week commencing 29th. Both bins will have my FPO email address displayed on them so that I can be contacted in the event of any issues.

It remains to be seen but I may have completed my last tranche of strimming and trimming along our paths for this year. I have been greatly assisted in the maintenance of our PROW by a local parishioner. Not only has he carried out an inordinate amount of (non-mechanical), clearance himself, but he has also installed and replaced a large number of way marker signs along the way. A keen walker, he is fantastic at bringing issues and concerns to my attention that I may have missed or would have not seen for a while if at all. My sincere thanks to him.

I have submitted to our Clerk another detailed bid for PROW funding. I hope to get sufficient money for the purchase and installation of eleven more gates. Seven have already been fitted.

Our Ward Councillor, Dan Hurcomb, has informed me that the work on the Lugg Bridge project, to replace the current bridge that has been closed for a number of years, is ongoing. The design has been approved and the funding secured. It is likely that no work will commence until the spring when the risk of any flooding has diminished.

Since we last met I have attended a HALC training course by way of a refresher on being an effective Councillor. It was a useful and informative course, made all the better by being able to listen to the views of other Councillors around the County, and the difficulties they face in their own parishes.

Finally, I have now received my FPO ID card and, tonight, marks two years since I delivered my first Footpath Officer's Report to you all. Progress has been made to improve our PROW in that time but there is still much to be done.