

FP Officers Report Oct 25

A few random points this month, more of an update rather than new issues.

I am still awaiting a decision from Herefordshire Council about the PROW funding application submitted last month, this is no doubt because it is being considered in the round with others before a decision is promulgated.

The new dog waste bins are in situ and being well used. Due to a slight hiccup with getting the contract up and running our first visit from the contractor to empty the bins will be tomorrow. This had initially presented a problem in that the delay caused the bins to become overfull; I will continue to monitor them in the short term to ensure problems do not continue in this vein. Thanks have been proffered more than a few times, by parishioners, for the initiative of the Parish Council in providing this service.

You would have likely seen a recent article in the Hereford Times giving the location of five PROW bridges across the county scheduled to be replaced. Kingsland walkers are still affected by two bridges in need of work. Firstly, the replacement of the suspension bridge across the River Lugg, which we are assured is in hand and, secondly, a small footbridge across Pinsley Brook close to Cholstrey. Neither were among those named in the article.

An email has been received from Orleton footpath volunteers offering help with footpath maintenance in neighbouring parishes. They are unconnected with the Orleton PC and work unsupported but with Ramblers Association assistance. Their offer of help should we need it is kindly noted.

Finally, this month, apart from the regular footpath walk I facilitated, I have made minor repairs to a footbridge, (not one those previously mentioned). Additionally, in a bid to chase up a previously oft-reported issue I rang the number supplied for those wishing an update. That number is answered by Balfour Beatty who advised me to call the PROW team!

I have now resubmitted this particular issue, probably the third time, and another concerning signs across a footpath stating, 'Beware of the Bull'. These homemade signs are both large and intimidatory and could be seen as an unlawful deterrent to those attempting to walk the PROW. There have been no cattle in that field for months. I have asked for the signs to be removed when not needed.