

PPLO Report October 2023

WN19/80 Tim Gilbert has cleared the mid field stile which had had hedging planted up around it and also the bridge and two stiles further along. (This should be the landowner's responsibility.) These were greatly overgrown with brambles and nettles and took much time and effort to be cleared. We are very grateful for Tim's work which has been reported to Eve Wynn the CC Ranger. This is one of the PC Circular walks and is important to be kept accessible.

There are other paths which need attention.

We desperately need other volunteers to do the strimming course with SCC to share the workload with Tim. We are also still searching for contractors prepared to comply with SCC legalities to repair stiles and do other substantial works. Eve and I are currently contacting the Ramblers volunteer group (who have done the necessary SCC training) to see if they can help.

Eve and I meet monthly to log faults and inspect on the ground.

Access to Rights of Way could be facilitated if all walkers carry secateurs and cut back upgrowth and side growth as they pass.

I have asked The PC at the last meeting to commit to Rights of Way as an important part of community life and resources in the open air for residents of all ages. I am delighted that after conversation with Becky Carter the PC will commit to an increase in the annual budget for RofW. We have spent time and money providing the 8 circular walks and we hope in time to further extend these, but this largely dependent on the commitment of the PC and the Parish finding willing volunteers.