

Update from Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association (P3) – Cllr. Stevens

The group was created to enable interested parties to work together to keep the paths and
bridleways in and around Bridgnorth clear and enjoyable to use. Bridgnorth and District Rights
of Way Association aims:

- Facilitate, encourage and assist in the monitoring and maintenance of rights of way in Bridgnorth and (in collaboration with) neighbouring parishes.
- Identify any changes to the rights of way network that would improve the network, benefiting landowners and users.
- Help minimise damage to crops and livestock, in collaboration with the farming community.
- Lobby Shropshire Council and other bodies in support of the above aims.
- Involve all users of rights of way, including walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders.

Cllr Onions and I have been jointly attending the meetings since their inception and now the group is forming a formal committee they would like a one BTC representative from the three who agreed to attend. With council's agreement Cllr Onions and I would like to remain as representatives on the formal committee and share the meetings.

Since the group was formed a formal constitution has been drafted and agreed, members of Bridgnorth Walking, Running and Cycling Clubs are fully supportive and send representative to each meeting and working party and the group is in the process of making links with Bridgnorth and District Young Farmers and local riding schools and users of the bridle ways. Shropshire County Council is involved both via attendance at meetings, provision of equipment and training and with some funding.

Two working parties have been organised since the group was formed, with the latest taking place on Saturday 2nd December at Queen's Parlour. The working group cleared the path along the top of the escarpment to the east of Bridgnorth, from Wolverhampton Road, past Queen's Parlour, and on to the reservoir above Hermitage Hill. A group of 13 volunteers cleared the path in just 2 hours.



Future Working groups are provisionally planned for the following dates:

- Tuesday 16th January 2018 - probably to clear the path above Daniel's Mill.
- Saturday 17th February 2018.
- Tuesday 20th March 2018.
- Saturday 21st April 2018.

They normally meet at 10am and work for 2 to 3 hours. If you would like to join them please visit <http://bridgnorthrightsofway.weebly.com> for more information.

The group is now seeking further assistance with business sponsorship and funding.