

Pontesbury P3 Footpaths Group

Annual Report for year ending Dec 2023

2023 was a busy year apart from limitations caused by the various floods. We have had a new member join us who is also an active member of the Friends of Pontesford Hill group, which is a useful link for us. Chris Hearn has retired as Treasurer this year and Ken Jenks has retired from the group, both after many years of service for which we are very grateful.

Man-hours worked in 2023 were 487. We completed 74 different items of work. In this we have covered path surveys, stile repair/replacement, vegetation clearing, bridge and gate repair, signposting & waymarking.

Regarding other local groups, we have again worked with the Friends of Pontesford Hill Group this year to find areas on Pontesford & Earl's Hills where we can co-ordinate our efforts. We continue to ask for direct referrals of problem paths with position references and photos from members of the public.

Although we concentrate on the Pontesbury/Minsterley core area, we have also worked out this year to Longden, Lyth Hill, Bromlow Callow, Wagbeach, Shelve, etc. – basically wherever we can help.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their Tuesday mornings to work for the group come whatever the weather, the farmers and landowners for their co-operation in helping us access the routes on their land, and also Helen Beresford at Shropshire Council Rights of Way Office for all her help and assistance given to us.

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