

Period	28 th June 22 nd August 2019	
Meetings Held	Various meeting with six landowners to discuss footpath improvements	July/Aug.
	Various meetings with BBLP Locality Steward Kevin Williams.	July/Aug.
"Adopt a Footpath" Scheme.	A team of 10 residents have each now adopted a section of FPs and have submitted inspection reports to assist with the overall maintenance plan for the parish.	
New Stiles WP4	WP4/1 - A new stile has been successfully installed at WP4/1 off Hanley Lane, effectively opening this footpath for the first time in years. WP4/3 - Difficulties have been encountered in installing a new stile at WP4/3 near Pontshill at the location of a stream crossing. Eventually a new location for the stile was agreed by landowners on either side. It was considered necessary to contact utility companies to request searches for underground services and unfortunately it was found that a water main passed through this location. The Welsh Water Authority will check this out on site on 28th August before work can proceed.	
Waymarking	About 160 waymarkers have been installed so far (95% complete for the parish)	
Maintenance	Vegetation around most signposts, stiles and gates has been cleared. Many footpaths have been impassable or very difficult this summer due to vegetation. Attempts to employ the Lengthsman to clear the vegetation on footpaths has been unsuccessful. Some farmers have made big efforts to keep footpaths clear where they cross fields through their crops. However many have not, and it may be necessary in future to write to them reminding them of their responsibilities.	
Balfour Beatty	BBLP have agreed to repair two sets of steps, to replace 10 missing signposts and to refurbish 13 other signposts. BBLP have now supplied about 220 plastic waymarkers and one wooden stile kit.	
Future Considerations	Footpaths information boards at Pontshill and The Weston Cross – refurbishment or replacement.	
Concerns	1. Lack of support services from BBLP to keep footpaths clear. 2. Difficulties in engaging a Lengthsman to clear vegetation. 3. Many cases of farmer's crops blocking footpaths. 4. Difficulty in finding landowner contact details	

PROW - Public Right of Way

HC - Herefordshire Council

PC - Parish Council

BBLP - Balfour Beatty Living Places

PFO - Parish Footpaths Officer

FP - Footpath

John Smart - Parish Footpaths Officer 22nd Aug 2019.