

Period	27 th March 2020 – 8 th May 2020
Meetings Held	Telecon 7th May with Josie Pearson from the Accessibility Working Group (AWG) of the Herefordshire Local Access Forum (HLAF). Reference their letter of 14th February (copied to Cllrs) they have been formed with the vision of improving Herefordshire's Public Rights of Way network to enable access for all. They may be able to assist the Parish Council in improving access to key footpath routes such as a link between Weston under Penyard and Ross on Wye. They are interested in supporting discussions with landowners, applying for grants, and advising on the most appropriate furniture to replace stiles and other obstructions. It was agreed that the opportunity would be raised with the Parish Council with a view to submitting an outline proposal for the scheme to the AWG and HLAF.
Maintenance	1. Cutting back of early bramble growth around stiles has commenced. 2. Footpath WP11 between the church and the recreation ground has been diligently reinstated by Hopes Ash Farm. 3. Some other footpaths which cross fields are now becoming obstructed due to crop cultivation. The Parish Council is contacting landowners if the government regulations to reinstate footpaths are not being complied with.
Adopt a Footpath	Postponed winter inspections are now being completed by volunteers.
Replacing old stiles with pedestrian gates	Lengthsman Terry Griffiths has confirmed that our order for 3 gates on WP15, WP11 and WP 13 was placed with the supplier at the end of March, but production at the factory has stopped due to the Coronavirus lockdown. Planning will commence in May for the next phase of gates to be installed.
Balfour Beatty Work	The repair of steps on WP2 and the replacement of a damaged planked bridge on WP2 near Lea Bailey is outstanding since 8 th July 2019.
Footpaths Information Boards	Refurbishment of footpaths information boards at Pontshill, Bromsash and The Weston Cross is being considered.
Concerns	1. Delay to procurement of new gates due to the Coronavirus restrictions. 2. Locality Steward has advised that the BBLP PROW crew is not operating due to Coronavirus restrictions. 3. Footpath WP15 is still blocked at stile WP15/3. We hope to replace with a gate as part of the scheme to introduce gates referred to above. 4. A Pontshill resident has reported that Footpath WP4 has been obstructed by a barbed wire fence crossing the path. A stile has now been installed within the fence, presumably by the landowner, in a breach of government regulations, HC regulations and BBLP's guidance booklet. The obstruction has been advised to BBLP, but they have declined to act so far. 5. A resident has advised that the route of footpath WP22 has been blocked by polytunnels and that they have reported this to BBLP. BBLP has declined to act so far.

PROW - Public Right of Way
 HC - Herefordshire Council
 PC - Parish Council
 TGC - Terry Griffiths Contractors

BBLP - Balfour Beatty Living Places
 PFO - Parish Footpaths Officer
 FP - Footpath

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