



SHORNE FOOTPATHS VOLUNTEERS

Are you a regular user of the footpaths or bridleways in Shorne, and consider it important that they are kept open for the enjoyment of those who use them? If so, you might want to join the growing number of volunteers who help to monitor and maintain the 13 miles of footpaths and bridleways in the parish.

With the severe cutbacks in the services provided by the KCC Public Rights of Way (PROW) teams, it is becoming increasingly important for volunteers to plug the gaps. There are a number of ways you can help. For example, you can:

Become of Volunteer Path Warden, by adopting a path or paths, and carrying out periodic walks to report on their condition and to report any issues. This is particularly suitable for individuals or couples who regularly walk the footpath.

Adopt a Path, or a section of a path, and carry out regular routine maintenance to make sure the vegetation is kept under control and the path remains clear. This would suit small groups of friends who would like to adopt a favourite pathway in their locality, and can spare an hour or so each month to keep it neat and tidy.

Join our Vegetation Clearance Team, a group of volunteers who are prepared to roll up their sleeves on occasions to tackle soft vegetation such as nettles and brambles on footpaths that are starting to become overgrown. Without these volunteers, some of our footpaths would become impassable. We currently have a dozen or so volunteers, but many hands make light work, and we are always looking for more volunteers to join us.

Even if you don't want to become a volunteer, you can do your bit by taking a pair of secateurs in your pocket whenever you go out for a walk, and taking the trouble to snip off any twigs or brambles that are starting to get in the way!

If you would like to become a Shorne Footpaths Volunteer, please let us know by giving Bob Lane a call on 01474 822680, or by sending an email to shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk.