

## Pontesbury P3 Footpaths Group

### Annual Report for year ending Feb 2026

2025 was a busy year again for us apart from limitations caused by the recent wet weather.

Over the last 4 quarters

- We worked on 38 different sites, having surveyed them and organised access permissions and materials deliveries.
- Have done 54 different jobs
- Total worked hours in that time = 456 man hours

In this we have covered path surveys, stile repair/replacement, vegetation clearing, bridge and gate repair, signposting & waymarking.

Examples:

Stile repairs

Bridge before... ..and after



**We continue to ask for direct referrals of problem paths with position references (using what3words and/or OS grid references) and photos from members of the public, preferably using our email address [pontesburyP3@gmail.com](mailto:pontesburyP3@gmail.com) and providing details of the problems.**

Although not everything reported to us falls within our remit, we will always endeavour to pass on such reports to the relevant authorities for further action.

Our core area is Pontesbury/Minsterley but we have also worked out this year to Annscroft, Bromlow Callow, Worthen, etc. – basically wherever we can help.

Two of our members completed the course ‘First Aid for Outdoor Activity Providers’ (including Defibrillator training) this year organised by Shropshire Council in January.

I would particularly like to thank Pontesbury Parish Council for their support this year in providing a grant to the group for funding of tools to assist with our brushcutting/path clearing activities. Once the vegetation dries out somewhat, we plan to put this to good use.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time to work for the group, 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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