

## **Alderbury Circular Countryside Footpath**

### **Report to Parish Council for work undertaken Spring and Summer 2022**

**Hours delivered working on footpath = 70**

**Volunteer Staffing = 8**

**Permissive path** = the slight re-routing alteration from 'Crossfields' to the boardwalk has been established and is being used.

**Machinery** = continues to remain in reasonable condition due to limited annual use and careful cleaning by volunteers. No servicing has been needed for the three petrol trimmers since new and hopefully this can continue as servicing costs are over £100 per trimmer.

**Equipment Storage** = Use of the lock-up store in the recreation ground is an added benefit, outwith the May to July period when the equipment resides in my garage for ease of preparation, loading and unloading.

**Muddy sections** = the dry summer has helped ensure the footpath has been in good condition and less muddy than some previous years. The Rectory Farm manager arranged repair to sub-contractor damage including a cordoned off area until the large hole created was refilled. He also placed a strong large metal sheet over the perennial muddy area in the valley on the path up towards the stile before Greenset House. This has definitely made crossing the muddy hollow/stream more straightforward. Redirecting the path there by the edge of the field has been attempted but difficulties encountered.

**Signage** = Some new signage has been posted to remind dog owners of their responsibility to remove their dog's mess as there was a noticeable increase in the problem this year.

**Feedback** = it's heartening for the volunteers to hear directly from walkers how much local footpath users value the paths and their maintenance work.

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