

Volunteers for the Clun with Chapel Lawn Parish Paths Partnership (P3) have given at least 80 hours of their time. This has enabled repairs to at least 5 stiles and the maintenance of many paths with brushcutters and loppers. We have concentrated on named routes, such as the Shropshire Way or the Clun Valley Challenge Route and popular paths local to Clun and to Chapel Lawn. We improved the handrails on the path from Newport Street down to the Memorial Hall in Clun. This effort is spread among a small number of very active volunteers, many of whom have adopted paths to care for, and a larger group of supportive colleagues. We have checked routes and fed back any problems to, for example, the Shropshire Way Association and Shropshire Council, regarding their "Walking with Offa" series. We managed to address some of the problems found. With support from Shropshire Council we brought several loppers that are small enough to fit in a rucksack and if any ramblers want to take them out on their walks to allow for the possibility of running repairs to paths, they are welcome to take charge of one. Lots of additional work was reported as a result of storms before Christmas. All have been passed on to Shropshire Council. We are not insured for chainsaw work and council resources are overwhelmed, which has caused delays, but the group is liaising with the council. I encourage everyone to continue to report problems or concerns regarding footpaths in the parish to p3clun@gmail.com. More importantly however, we need volunteers. There are more reports of problems than we have the capacity to manage. Contact through the same email address.

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