

Parish Path Warden's Report - Parish Meeting 2024

Lesley Thompson and Bob Roberts are Launton's Parish Path Wardens. They have continued to work with Oxfordshire County Council Countryside officer Tracy Sutton to keep Launton's footpaths clear and usable.

Lesley and Bob walk all the paths on a regular basis clearing brambles and other vegetation. Small problems such as lack of signage are handled there and then, others are passed on to OCC via their CAMS system. The final changes to footpaths as a result of East West Rail were completed in the last year and the newly reopened and rerouted paths had to be checked. In the last year more than 30 way markers have been installed, major shrubbery has been trimmed back and a bridge repaired. OCC have cleared the foot path under the railway at the bottom of West End, installed new way marker posts and repaired a stile.

Overall 10 of the 13 problems which were recorded on CAMS were resolved in the past year and 2 new ones added. Those that are left require some OCC action which has had to wait for the new financial year.

Some of the paths in Launton Parish lead into Buckinghamshire so Lesley obtained some BCC way markers which have been installed as necessary.

On July 23rd Lesley and Bob led a circular walk starting and ending at Clock Court on Station Road. Some thirty people enjoyed both exploring the country north of Launton and the cake at the end.

Lesley and Bob will be attending a Path Warden's training day at the end of April.

Lesley Thompson
Bob Roberts