

Parish Rights of Way Group Report, September 2022

Walks Guide

After the first batch of guides which we produced in May went very quickly, the second batch in July are not going so quickly. The Guide is now available on the village websites where individual walks can be downloaded and printed. Hospitality venues, who have folders of laminated sheets for patrons to borrow, report that they are popular and well used. I have 30 A4 Guides and over 80 A5. They will continue to be available free of charge in Halstock Community Room or from me, and I will put a note of this in the October Chimes.

Working party

We are hoping to arrange a working party to clear overgrown vegetation on one of our local routes during the autumn. Details have not been decided, but we will keep you informed

Replacement gates

At the time of writing I haven't been able to contact our local Dorset Council Ranger, but I hope that his team will be able to install the remaining gates to replace stiles in the next few weeks. I will keep you updated.

Dogs and livestock

I have recently heard about the very distressing killing of over 30 sheep belonging to a local farmer over a period of time, and also an instance where a cow was killed by dogs. As a group we want people to be able to continue to use our local ROWs freely, but we can understand landowners not welcoming walkers when this sort of thing happens. Anything the PC can do to publicise the need to keep dogs under control would be welcome.

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