

Footsteps



The Newsletter of the Dronfield Footpaths & Bridleways Society

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022...

Notes from the recent committee meeting:

A reminder to all members that if any of their details change in future, e.g. address, phone number and particularly e mail address, to let the society know so that we can keep our members list up to date.

We need more members to join the committee team: Our secretary for the last 7 years has had to relinquish her post...thanks Karen for doing this job so well.....so anyone interested: please step forwards **now**....

Likewise, Adrian, our Treasurer, will cease to be in that post after the AGM.....

Richard, who is the current Webmaster needs a successor....he has also compiled the newsletters for some years, and he needs someone to take over that role too.

None of these jobs are particularly onerous, and the current incumbents will be only too happy to offer any help and guidance.

So please....think about these jobs....and let us know soon, let's not wait until the AGM in November....those above will NOT stay in these jobs, and for the DFBS to continue and flourish, WE NEED THESE POSITIONS FILLING!

So...nominate yourself, or nominate someone else....soon please!

While we are on about the AGM: we need a speaker to entertain us after the business part...any ideas please?

The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 2nd November 2022** at the Civic Hall, Dronfield starting at 7:30pm

Summer Walks.

The New Summer Walks coordinator has compiled the Spring/Summer Walks programme, this is attached/included with this newsletter....Thanks Peter Hubbard for taking on this role, and sincere thanks to Jane Smith, who has provided us with the programme for the last 4 years.... We are often asked about dogs accompanying us on our walks: dogs are welcome, as long as they are kept under close control. There is just one walk when we do not allow dogs: the Dawn Chorus walk...

Tidy up session of the Dronfield Round walk: May 3rd.

We as a group help to maintain a section of the footpath to keep it clear and passable to all walkers. This entails us pruning the shrubs and cutting back the vegetation to make the footpath passable for all.

Any major work is completed by the Barn work party team who work on the full length of the path keeping it in tip top condition.

They have done quite a bit of work on our section in the last twelve months. There was a little stream which we had to cross but after a lot of rain it became very flooded and the area impassable without getting very wet and muddy.

A new channel has been dug out and the water course altered making the area a lot drier.

A new ladder style was also erected by the Barn team giving walkers easier access.

The livery which owns most of the fields around this section have been working hard to keep their horses safe and protecting the walking public.

To get this work done we need as many footpath members as possible to turn up on the 3rd of May with secateurs, shears and any battery-operated hedge trimmers.

Walk Mapping

I (Richard Smith) use a phone app called Map My Walk. It is free, and tells you how far you have walked, how fast etc, and provides a map....Strava does a similar app.... I think these are better than just step counters....so why not press a few buttons on your phones, and have a go.....

Payment of subscriptions

It is helpful if subs can be paid by a bank credit using the following details:-

Name of Account Dronfield Footpaths and Bridleways Society

Sort Code.....60-40-09

Account No.....16904249

Reference....."your name"

Amount.....£5 (£10 for a couple)

Also helpful to pay subs at the AGM (or soon afterwards). Payment by cash or cheque can be accepted throughout the year.

So: we, the current committee, wish you all a Happy New Walking Season, please give some serious thought to our requests above: we are only too happy to give any help needed...but as we have a good vibrant membership, new members taking on these roles could offer a new, fresh outlook on our friendly organisation.