

Annex 2 – Sept 2024 Footpaths Project Update

Focusing On Communicating with Landowners

- All landowners have been contacted
- Most landowners have either agreed, or have been emailed to tell them about what we intend to do on their land
- A couple of landowners have been sent forms to sign to accept assets (gate/stile).
- There are 124 Job Sheets created for path improvements ranging from simple jobs to more complex ones.
- Richard Barnard in process of ordering materials and equipment (still, carried over from last month's report)
- Obtaining new volunteers has not been successful

Next steps (that we are working on now):

- Continue with landowner conversations
- Secure new volunteers through leaflet drop
- Obtain quotes to carry out work if we are unable to recruit suitable volunteers

Progress with contacting landowners

- Church - Agreed
- Skelton - Agreed
- Heart of England - Agreed
- GAP - conversation and verbal commitment (although they are now not responding to emails)
- Mark Turner – verbal agreement
- Isabel Barton & Ruth Richardson – Agreement
- Linfoots – Agreement
- Robin Turney – Meeting September
- Steve Brown – contact made and due to meet
- Guy Casswell – semi agreement. Still working on. Need him to sign agreement.
- Tim Barnsdale – Kyla meeting September
- Bloor Homes – meeting September (Kyla to confirm)
- Mark Hollands – verbal agreement, but is not replying to emails
- Craig Payne – agreement and in process of signing agreement
- John Rawlinson – acknowledged
- David Kinnersdale – agreement to help suppress vegetation
- Katherine Hancher – emailed (should be ok, only one post to install)
- Hugh Car-Smith – met and discussed. No objection. Have emailed.

Volunteers for work

Kyla has advertised for volunteers, which has not been successful. Therefore we are looking to design and distribute a leaflet drop

CPBT have agreed to help in principle awaiting MOU (still – carried over for 2 months reporting)

Materials and Equipment

Richard Barnard in process of ordering (still, carried over from last month)

Materials and equipment now showing on budget sheet

Concerns

Main concern is that we are now into September and we are not in receipt of materials/equipment, nor do we have any volunteers. My concern is that no work will take place this year.

I am also mindful of potential pressure mounting on the budget if we are unable to recruit suitable volunteers as this will mean that we will have to pay a contractor to install all the posts (over 90 of them)

Other information

Monarch's Way, HoE Way and Arden Way conversation