

## **OXFORD FIELDPATHS SOCIETY**

(Oxford and District Footpaths, Bridlepaths and Commons Preservation Society)

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Membership	Membership Secretary
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Members wishing to assist the Committee by inspecting specific rights of way may offer their services by writing to the appropriate District Secretary or to Jim Parke. For information on public paths and general topographical detail, sheet 164 of the Ordnance Survey 1:50000 Landranger series is recommended (scale 2cm to 1km, roughly 1.25” to the mile). For fieldwork greater detail is shown on the 1:25000 Explorer series (scale 4cm to 1km, roughly 2.5” to the mile), available from many booksellers, stationers and outdoor clothing suppliers.

The Society is affiliated to:

The Ramblers’ Association

## **1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION**

As usual the weather this year has been markedly variable, a wet Spring followed by a generally indifferent summer followed by an exceptionally dry Autumn. At the time of writing my report, we are experiencing a stormy but mild Winter Christmas.

This year our Society celebrated its ninetieth birthday, marking the occasion with a Birthday Dinner held on June 17th at the South Oxford Golf Club. Our second celebration was a day of walks, followed by a very well attended afternoon tea held at Checkendon Village Hall on September 3rd. I record my grateful thanks to Sue Crisp for organising these two events, to Martin and Kazie Wishnewski and Tilly Smith for leading the walks, and, not least to Alison Broadbridge and her team for providing an excellent tea with a specially iced OFS birthday cake. Those who came to the tea will recall that the afternoon threatened rain but we were all safely inside before the heavens opened.

I am pleased to report that the Society continues its programme of supporting the installation of gates to replace stiles. Projects which have come to fruition this year include the installation of a gate on the d'Arcy Dalton Way in the parish of Churchill, and gates on the Cotswold Way at Chastleton on the northern boundary of the county. A project in the pipeline is the provision of gates at Waterstock on the Oxfordshire Way.

An important part of our Committee's work is to monitor all planning applications which affect Public Rights of Way. The OFS is always notified of these by the relevant local authorities. Many applications are uncontroversial because what is being proposed as a footpath diversion is considered to be as good, if not better, than the existing route. However, on examination, a few applications can be seen to be detrimental to the path user. To these, the Society strenuously objects.

We were pleased that Anne Partridge and Jennifer Byrne, two experienced walk leaders, agreed to be co-opted onto the Committee. We look forward to their contributions to the Committee's deliberations.

I am delighted to report that the Oxford Blue Plaque Board has agreed to a the Society's recommendation that a Blue Plaque should be erected to the memory of d'Arcy Dalton - a true 'Defender and Champion of Oxfordshire Public Rights of Way'. The proposed plaque (subject to obtaining various permissions) will be erected on one of the walls of his old home, in the village of Great Milton where d'Arcy Dalton lived for many years. It was fitting that the whole 67 mile length of the d'Arcy Dalton Way was walked and checked as part of the OFS's Summer Walks programme.

On a personal note I will end my four years' term as Chairman at the AGM. It has been an honour and privilege to lead the Society over that time and I would like to record my sincere thanks to all the Committee members who have served the Society during my Chairmanship. I am most grateful for their advice and support. I record my thanks to Sir Hugo Brunner, our President, who has chaired the Annual General Meetings. It has been a pleasure to have him walking with us and we value his enthusiastic support for all that the Oxford Fieldpaths Society stands for.

## **2. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met six times during 2016. Anne Partridge and Jenny Byrne were co-opted during the year, so we now have four vacancies.

We now have three vacancies for District Secretaries. This job involves reporting footpath problems, responding to requests for diversions, and checking possible claims for new footpaths. Most of the documents for checking claims are in the County Records Office in Cowley. We badly need people to undertake this work, as it is one of the main planks of our charitable status; also we will at some time need a new General Secretary, as the present incumbent won't last for ever. Ideally the position would be occupied by someone who has been a district secretary for long enough to learn the ropes.

### **3. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our work in protecting rights of way is a general public benefit. Our walks programme, as a health benefit, is also open and advertised to the public.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 our total membership was as follows:

Life members	36
Annual members	231
Hon. Members	<u>5</u>
	272

During the year 16 new members joined, 3 informed us of their intention to resign and 21 did not renew their subscription.

This year we recruited a few more new members but overall membership is down. There is still a need to encourage more new members to join and the best people to do that are you, our current members. Please encourage any friends who enjoy walking to come along to sample some walks. This year we sent all members a Car Sticker to give OFS more publicity so please help by displaying it.

We still have 36 Life members on our database, some still being active members, though the number is gradually falling We would be pleased to hear news of any others you may know or be in contact with.

### **5. FINANCE**

#### **Main Account**

The Abstract of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2016 are appended in the report. They show how the Society's income has been used and to what extent funds are now being carried forward to meet future liabilities. There was a net deficit of Income over Expenditure of £1,247. This represents a significant downturn from 2015 and mainly resulted from the receipt, in 2015, of £1,829 as Gift Aid refund, an event that occurs about every 4 years. However, the deficit of Income over Expenditure was offset in 2016 by gains on Investments of £1971 making a total revenue increase of £724. The accumulated balance now stands at £36,464. The above mentioned numbers illustrate the role of the investments in stabilizing fluctuations in the margin of income over expenditure, allowing OFS to continue awarding grants deemed to enhance accessibility for walkers on Oxfordshire footways. In this context, grants to contribute to the replacement of stiles with kissing gates totalled £1,737 in 2016, a marked increase over the corresponding 2015 amount of £600. Contributions to selected "Donate a Gate" projects are foreseen to continue for the next few years.

Over the year, the value of stocks and shares shows a bigger increase than in the previous year (2015: £190, 2016: £1,971), resulting at least partly from improved stock market conditions.

The number of members signing a Gift Aid Declaration continues to increase and this is most beneficial to OFS, as it results in a significant amount of tax being recovered from HMRC, thereby reinforcing the Balance Sheet.

Our thanks are due to Joyce Dawson for her unstinting work as Scrutineer of the Society's Accounts.

In summary, the finances of OFS are in good shape and adequate to fulfil the objectives of the OFS Constitution.

### **Social Fund**

The balance of the social account at 31st December 2016 was £694.59. £100.00 has been paid for the deposit for the holiday in Yorkshire in May 2017. The total assets of the account are £794.59 which is an increase of £376.75 on the equivalent figure of £417.84 on 31st December 2015.

Throughout the year, a £60.00 loss was made on the 90th Birthday picnic, a £97.25 loss was made on the 90th Birthday meal, a £9.00 profit was made on the holiday to Derwent Water and £535.00 is being held for the Yorkshire holiday. The £9.00 profit for the Derwent Water holiday was caused by a banking error which has been pointed out to the bank and may be corrected at a later date. The turnover for the year was £10220.00.

### **Standing Order**

The Society is most appreciative of those who pay their annual subscription by Standing Order. This method greatly assists cash flow at the start of the fiscal year.

## **6. PUBLICITY**

As part of the OFS 90th anniversary celebrations the D'Arcy Dalton Way was walked South to North in 6 stages over the May and August Bank Holidays. Armed with secateurs and walking poles (I look at walking poles differently now) it was heartening to see a number of people working together to either beat down a sea of nettles on the hill down from Wayland's Smithy (walking poles as nettle beaters) and later on the walk to clear stiles of undergrowth. One stile indeed took a few minutes to locate and was left in a far better condition than found. Apart from 2 fields where the cows (for my taste) were a little frisky and a day with heart quickening thunderclaps and wringing out of socks and emptying of boots the walk was a joy. One highlight for me was a path through a sea of flax.

Striving to keep OFS strong we need to maintain a strong membership. The committee urges you to introduce your friends and relatives to OFS. We advertise in The Oxford Times and Janice Ure had the great idea to introduce car stickers with OFS information. OFS now has a regular presence with an advertising stand at the annual Wychwood Forest Fair. The committee still feels however that personal recommendation is the best way to keep OFS strong.

Thank you for all of your support over the past year and years; we look forward to seeing you on future walks.

## **7. WALKS PROGRAMME**

In reviewing the year 2016, I scanned through three booklets to check where, how many and how long the walks were, and with the aid of my calculator came up with the following statistics: 114 walks were offered, the majority were in Oxfordshire but also in Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Warwickshire. The total mileage was 746 which equates to approximately 62 miles per month and an average walk length of 6.5 miles. As our county has 2,000 miles of footpaths there are still plenty left to walk while staying within the county. I have noticed that Oxfordshire footpaths are generally well signed, during this summer there has been extensive growth, particularly of brambles and nettles, around stiles making reccy-ing a walk before leading it essential. In one of our adjoining counties that is not the case, on one walk the signs were missing and we spent some time trying to find our way out of a field which was criss-crossed with paths according the OS map.

This year members walked two long distance linear routes, over the late May and August Bank Holidays the d'Arcy Dalton Way, led by Margaret Jones and Adam Willett, was walked from south to north as part of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. On the first Saturday of June, July and August Jim Parke led the inaugural OFS walk of the Vale Way; this is a new route linking Abingdon and Longcot.

In September before the birthday tea at Checkendon, catered for by Alison Broadbridge and Sue Knights, there were two walks, a longer one led by Martin and Kazuyo Wishnewski and a shorter one by Tilly Smith. Regardless of the distance walked we all enjoyed the tea.

At the beginning of April Eme Pilgrim organised a small group of 12 to walk the Poet's Paths and the Daffodil Way, all centred on Dymock and celebrating those poets who lived in the area around the First World War. Although some of the signage was lacking, the fields of native wild daffodils complete with sheep and lambs were beautiful. The trip away at the end of September was to the HF house on the banks of Derwentwater. Although the weather was changeable, to put it mildly, and the walks challenging, the views were fantastic. On the last day walking from Buttermere back to the house, fortunately with the wind behind us most of the time, we were deluged by rain and hailstones and then bright sunshine in succession!

This year three new leaders offered walks for the programme Marsaleete Anderson, Marion Hanbury Brown and Joe Coulson, I am very grateful that they have joined the ranks of leaders as it spreads the load more evenly. It is unfair to expect the hardened core of leaders to produce more and more walks to fill the programme. I am always very happy to advise, help recce a walk for anyone else who would like to have a go it isn't difficult. I am sure we all have a favourite place we go to for walks, in which case contact me and share it with the rest of the membership. I would like to thank all those leaders who give up so much time to ensure that we have such a varied programme throughout the year.

As I start to put together the summer programme, it is hard to envisage walking in warm sunshine at the moment. I hope there will be sufficient walks, both long and short, for all members to enjoy.

## **8. THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND RIGHTS OF WAY MONITORING GROUP**

A major topic of this year's Monitoring Group meetings was that of the undesirability of public rights of way being fenced. This Society raised the matter because fenced

paths frequently become blocked with vegetation or have surface problems such as slippery mud and/or flooding, and the fencing prevents users simply skirting round the problems. As well as causing difficulties for users, we argued that the resultant problems unnecessarily added to the maintenance work which the County Council should be carrying out and, in times of financial stringency, ultimately resulted in other necessary maintenance work not being done. At the first meeting, the nature of the problem was explored and those present largely agreed that fencing was undesirable although some were concerned that fencing prevented livestock molesting rights of way users. Due to the absence of any farming representative, discussion of the subject was then adjourned to the second annual meeting when the presence of a CLA representative enabled the issue of why fences were erected to be discussed and we were able to make him aware why we found fencing undesirable and to urge him and his colleagues to consider whether and how its use could be minimised.

Other subjects discussed included the continuing failure to secure the repair of the unsafe listed bridge at Marcham Mill, ongoing problems with the Thames Path through the boatyard at Pinkhill near Cumnor and the ongoing cuts to the Council's budget which were particularly affecting the Countryside Service through the recruitment freeze preventing the refilling of vacancies for an assistant field officer, in the Tasks Team and a replacement for Anita Coghlan, who had left OCC after about 20 years, latterly as Senior Rights of Way Officer.

## **9. OUT ON THE GROUND**

### **Lost Ways**

The deadline for claiming paths that may have existed before January 1, 1949 is January 1, 2026. This means that no paths may be claimed from documentary evidence after that date; also that much-used paths within villages which are not yet on the Definitive Map (except those in recently-built estates) will also be lost unless claimed. The chief documents for making such claims are Inclosure Awards, Tithe Awards and canal and railway plans (most of these are in the County Record Office off Cowley Road) supported by old maps if possible. Those interested may contact me by e-mail ([dgodfrey929@btinternet.com](mailto:dgodfrey929@btinternet.com)); please include "lost ways" in the subject. Research into potential lost ways may be done at any time, but claims based on this research should wait until the new legislation (which has a streamlined procedure) comes into force. This could take some time, as it requires Parliamentary time to enact the scales of fees for appeals.

### **Development of the parish path warden network**

This year has seen steady progress in the development of the network of Parish Path Wardens throughout the County. At the present time, 80% of the county's 320 parishes now have a PPW in place. Current PPW Statistics, including Chiltern Society Path Representatives and Cotswold Wardens are as follows: 196 PPWs, 34 Chiltern Society, and 27 Cotswold Wardens.

The role of a PPW is relatively straightforward – regularly to walk the footpaths in his/her parish, equipped with secateurs to clear overgrown vegetation at stiles, gates or bridges, and to clean waymark discs and footpath signs. The PPW reports any serious problems directly to the relevant County Field Officer in the Countryside Access Team. Twice a year, a PPW will receive a report back from the Team listing

all the unresolved path problems in his/her parish. A check can be made whether or not a landowner or farmer has resolved any outstanding issues in his parish. If an issue has been resolved, the PPW informs the County Field Officer accordingly. In this way the PPW acts as the 'eyes' of the Field Officer. Any new less serious problems can be reported at any time by using the CAMSweb system. Alternatively the problem can be recorded on a report form and sent in to the Countryside Access Team via Local Coordinator who collates all the reports twice a year before sending them as a batch to the relevant Field Officer.

There were 4 meetings of a social nature for PPW teams organised by their Local Coordinators during the year, viz Rosemary Clegg in West Oxfordshire, Jim Parke and John Orchard in the eastern part of the Vale of White Horse, Tony Clark, Bob Ward and Ken King in Thame and Wheatley and Keith Frayn in the City of Oxford.

A PPW workshop took place at Clifton Hampden in March, attended by 10 PPWs. It is proposed to hold a workshop in early April 2017 at Upper Heyford. During the year ID/PPW Authorisation cards have been available on request for PPWs. Some 40 cards have been produced. The CAMSweb (Countryside Access Management System website) reporting system for reporting path problems on-line which was introduced last March has been taken on board and used by most PPWs. It can be accessed by anyone who wants to report a path problem by typing in <https://camsv.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

If any OFS member is interested in becoming a Parish Path Warden, please contact me by email [jmh.parke@btinternet.com](mailto:jmh.parke@btinternet.com)

## **Cherwell**

The Chiltern Railways dualling of the Bicester line is now complete. HS2 will affect about six paths in Mixbury, Finmere, Newton Purcell and Godington, including two at Finmere Quarry; the plans involve minimal diversion and disruption. The plans for East-West Railway (from Bicester to Milton Keynes) involve the diversion of Launton FP12 and FP21 to stay on the north-west of the line, to join FP11 at a single crossing. In addition FP4 will be diverted under the railway bridge so that it no longer goes over the embankment. The order to divert FP4 has been made, but we are waiting for Network Rail to install the gates before it is confirmed.

The Banbury diversions in Thorpe Road estate are both still pending. The diversion of Launton FP17 round proposed warehouses has been confirmed.

The orders to extinguish Bicester FP6 through the old Tesco's and use the existing pavement instead, and to reroute another section to the other side of the Bicester Village road, have been confirmed. The claim at Islip for a path from FP9 to the sports field has been conformed; thanks to Janice Ure for her input. The South Newington claim (along the river from The Baulk) are still being processed.

The diversion of Finmere BR4 round the quarry has been extended until 2019. Proposed diversions of Stratton Audley FP5 (to the walked line), Weston-on-the-Green FP22 at the north of the village, Bucknell BR1 through the extended gardens are still pending. The diversion of Adderbury FP23 at the west end of the village going towards Bodicote, avoiding the menage, has been confirmed.

## **Oxford City**

2016 has been another year of limited progress with public path issues in the City.



The long-standing problems of paths around the Churchill Hospital and Kassam Stadium being obstructed and illegally diverted appear not to have received any attention from the County Council

Following the failure of the City Council to insist on the creation of a safe crossing of the A40 Northern Bypass at Stoke Place to link Oxford BR56 and FP57 to connect the new development at Barton Park to Old Headington and Cuckoo Lane, where one currently has to run the gauntlet of fast traffic to use a gap in the central reservation crash-barriers, it was found that FP57 had been illegally obstructed with security fences surrounding part of the construction site and diverted onto a more easterly line and this was raised with the County Council.

After the proposed diversion of Littlemore FP8 through new development on East Minchery Allotments had been dropped as our contention that it ran within the boundary of the neighbouring school site proved to be correct, the existing palisade fence separating it from the rest of the school site was supplemented by garden fences separating it from the development which we suspect encroach upon the legal line of the path. In any event, the path was found in the summer as a result to have become impenetrably blocked by encroaching brambles which the County Council had to have cleared. The question now remains as to whether the garden fences actually do encroach and whether the County Council can have them or the palisade fence set back as otherwise this problem is likely to recur and the path is likely to remain difficult to use.

On a more positive note, in the scenic area of the Marston Meadows, the County Council found some funding to improve the riverside path, Old Marston FPs 10 & 16, alongside the River Cherwell from Rainbow Bridge to the Victoria Arms by repairing the riverbank and installing new culverts and footbridges, but the continuation north of the Victoria Arms and some other paths in the area remain difficult to use.

### **South Oxfordshire**

2016 has been a difficult year for public rights of way in South Oxfordshire as one of the County Council field officers was off sick for an extended period and, due to a recruitment freeze, a vacant assistant field officer post which might normally have provided backup reduced the Council's ability to provide cover.

Despite this, several long-standing problem areas were tackled. The successfully claimed paths linking the A418 and Ickford Road, Tiddington to Ickford Bridge were finally cleared of obstructions and provided with a footbridge, thus greatly improving the local path network and it is hoped to complete the opening of this network by removing obstructions to FP5 towards Albury in the coming year. The opportunity provided by the redevelopment of the dog kennels at Horsenden Hill near Tetsworth and associated need to divert Tetsworth FP52 was also successfully taken to seek the removal of long-standing obstructions to FP52 and thus reopen this path with extensive views across the local countryside. At the same time a number of other obstructions on the same farm were also removed and it is hoped to continue work on the paths concerned in the coming year to improve their usability.

In other parts of the District, the Society donated a number of gates to replace poor stiles, notably at Garsington and the Chiltern Society's South Chilterns Path Maintenance Volunteers supplemented the depleted resources of the County Council's Tasks Team by carrying out clearances and replacing stiles with gates.

Unfortunately the public inquiry into the claimed footpath across the River Thames at Chippinghurst Stepping Stones resulted in the Inspector deciding that there was no public right of way across the stones, but a river crossing in this vicinity may still be secured if the wish of local landowners to resolve various path problems on their land with a diversion package to include a river crossing can be agreed, but the number of paths and groups involved and the controversial nature of some of the issues makes this look very difficult to achieve.

As usual, a number of paths have, however, been diverted during the course of the year, some due to development, such as Culham FP2 (round the hydro scheme at Sutton Pools) and various paths in Great Western Park, Didcot. Others, such as Harpsden FP23, which had been illegally diverted for many years to bypass a garden, have resolved long-standing problems. The diversion of Thame FP13 through a new industrial development off Howland Road agreed two years ago has had to be renegotiated as the layout of the final development did not correspond to the plans and the revised plan purporting to show the line set out on the ground was found to be inaccurate, but ultimately these difficulties have been resolved and new orders are expected shortly. After lengthy negotiations agreement also seems finally to have been reached on a package of diversions at the Oxfordshire Golf Club near Tetsworth where again a failure to build the course in accordance with the plans resulted in paths passing through the lake and generally not following the lines shown on the Definitive Map. Similarly a package has also been agreed for the area of Lobb Farm near Great Haseley, where paths have been off-line since at least the 1970s due to obstructing farm buildings and plantations and unofficial diversions along farm roads, which should serve to reunify official and walked routes.

### **Vale of White Horse**

The path over the railway at Moor Mill Farm north of Uffington (FP4), is subject to a closure order while the new bridge is built; this is now definitely planned. We are still waiting for Vale of White Horse Council to make a diversion order for the new bridge by the Tandem at Kennington. The bridge at Marcham Mill (BR17) is still closed; negotiations are still going on for its repair, as it is a listed building.

The claims for a bridleway between Duxford and Great Pine Break, a footpath from Appleton church to the former Thatched Tavern, and a variation to the line of Drayton FP24 and extending it to join up with Abingdon FP3, are still in progress; the claim for a path along Coffin Way, Sparsholt, which is obstructed by a tennis court, has been rejected. The order to add a bridleway along Pilgrims' Way, which includes upgrading part of BR19 nearest the A417, has been made.

The order to divert Harwell BR12 to the other side of the new road has been made as work has already started; it was hoped to delay dealing with this until work started on the proposed new Didcot estates (which will have the effect that a large part of Didcot will be in Harwell).

### **West Oxfordshire**

The proposed diversion of Little Rollright FP15 has been withdrawn by the County Council and will not proceed further; that of Rollright FP7 will go to inquiry. The proposed diversion at Idbury FP4, complicated by the fact that somebody once used the dead-end path to reach the village street, will also go to inquiry. The order has been made to divert Stanton Harcourt BR12 nearer the river instead of crossing the haul road twice. The diversion of Churchill FP4 at the Chequers has been confirmed;

the typos have been corrected and a reference to the bollards inserted; my objection to the useless-looking order plan was overruled on the ground that the development plans showed the wall across the path. The diversion of Churchill BR7 avoiding Churchill Grounds farmyard has also been confirmed, and there is a proposal to divert Churchill FP1 out of the semi-derelict farm, where it is obstructed by barns, to the walked line.

The diversion of Great Tew FP6 at Soho Farms (an eyesore) is being pursued by the County Council. The diversion of South Leigh FP15 from the house is pending; that of South Leigh FP8, also avoiding the middle of a house, has been confirmed. The diversion order for the Signal Court offices, which the Countryside Service is vacating in March (they are going to Speedwell House), is pending. Diversions on Witney FP40 and Charlbury FP6 for development, and Great Rissington BR16, which has been diverted from the Gloucestershire to the Oxfordshire side of the county boundary, have been confirmed. Also confirmed is the major claim for two new paths in Stonesfield and Combe; one is from Stonesfield Ford (at the Evenlode) along the river to Combe FP3 near Lower Westfield Farm; the other is from this path alongside the parish boundary up Bagg's Bottom to the Combe-Stonesfield road.

## **10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We again would like to thank all those members whose hard work and support have helped make a useful contribution to rights of way work in the county. We also thank those who go out unheralded with secateurs, and clear out the rampaging weeds and vicious vegetation that block paths in summer. We are also grateful for the work of our colleagues in the Chiltern Society, Open Spaces Society, Cotswold Wardens CPRE and Ramblers' Association.

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