

Projects Update

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- Ground works complete and waymarking and clearance have all but finished.
- Guidebook design agreed and content has been written
- Mike Ashton is producing the map boards
- Positions of bike racks now agreed with permissions and work on installing them has started
- There is a possibility that the Stiperstones and Corndon Landscape Partnership Scheme have money to produce one more route and more heritage interpretation for the guide book. They may also be able to put out more interpretation boards.

Paths for Communities (P4C)

The following projects are in being taken forward:

- **Oswestry Ring** – Bid will be re-submitted after further negotiations on status of ROW through Henley Wood. This will be actioned on the access Development Officer's return from sick leave.
- **Humphrey Kynaston extension.** Bid agreed with NE and project has started we are currently waiting for agreements for bridleway creations with the Field Studies centre and the Highways agency before further work can commence. All the routes have been agreed and surveyed thanks to the sterling efforts of Zia Robins.

Meres and Mosses LPS

- All work on the Bettisfield and historic trails have now been completed and the guidebooks produced copies are available for LAF members.
- The easy access footpath work is completed however the Meres and Mosses Partnership (M&MP) has found money for more benches to be installed.
- An extra 45 fire baskets have been order to accurately recreate the site as it was in WW2.
- Natural England (NE) has allowed the grass from the car park at Colemere to the kissing gate to be upgraded with plastic/rubber reinforcing. This work will be undertaken shortly. NE will not allow us to upgrade the path from the kissing gate to the boardwalk.
- The trail around Wem Moss has still to be decided by the M&MP and NE before any work upgrading the route can be undertaken.

Linking Shropshire's Heritage

An HLF project to link Shropshire Way North and South via Shrewsbury and also create circular walks from Shrewsbury and Smartphone aps linking walks into heritage sites and information is being written.

Shropshire Way Art Project

Two meetings have been held to discuss an art project for the Shropshire Way; this will be a 3 year 3 phase project starting on the Oswestry Ring. The aim is to have some form of art installation at all the points where there is a great "wow" factor.

WW1

I have started research on WW1 in Shropshire and the effect it had on people's lives. I am meeting with Keith Pybus in the archives next Monday to research further. The history of the war in north Shropshire is well documented but in the south not so well however we have already found out that dhustone from Titterstone Clee was sent to Flanders to build military roads!