

Annual Outdoor Recreation Online Survey

Last year the report was well received and we had nearly 1000 people completing it. The key elements to such a report are to obtain as wide and large a response base as possible and we would urge you to again encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey.

As a result of feedback from last year's survey we have redesigned the document making it more integrated and taking in as many of your suggested amendments as possible.

The survey also showed that users wanted:

- Fewer stiles
- More easy to walk routes
- More circular walks
- More circular bridleways
- Better information
- Less dog mess on sites

This year we have:

- Replaced 112 stiles with gates
- Undertaken the following major route improvements
- Path creation at Criftins, Ellesmere (safe routes to school)
- Rea valley improvements, surfacing and bridge
- Established a safe off road route from Hodnet to Marchamley
- Opening up of access to Wollerton Wetlands, Hodnet
- Carried out a great deal of work in central Shropshire with Shrewsbury and Mid Shropshire Ramblers Association, Parish Paths Partnership Group (& guide printed) – plus work with other P3 groups
- Surfacing of the Shropshire Way in Bishop's Castle
- Created 12 new circular walks in the north of the County
- Are in the process of creating 4 new circular bridleways and the new Humphrey Kynaston Way long distance bridleway
- Have undertaken major improvements on the Shropshire Walking website making it more map based and with more downloadable guides, maps, routes and podcasts
- Increased the number of dog waste bins on sites
- Introduced new dog control orders

You can find the survey on the Shropshire Council Website and at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/outdoor-recreation-survey>