

Ashfield Footpath Group 2025

Ashfield is blessed with a footpath and bridleway network that is both well used and maintained in an acceptable condition, given season weather conditions, which can make some routes muddy at times.

As a general rule there is these days little need to engage with landowners to get issues resolved. Even towards the south west of the parish a change of farm contractor has improved routes/signage that had been historically challenging.

Following representation from some dog walkers I am exploring the possibility of two dog waste bins being provided to the south of the village and along Grove Lane. The exact location is yet to be determined, but the sites will be well away from any houses, although necessarily adjacent to the road for emptying purposes. I am hoping that funding can be sourced from external providers for the provision of these bins, so it is not a drain on Parish Council funds.

A total audit of the network was carried out during winter with no major issues identified, just a few signposts to reinstate.

I remain indebted to Malcolm Pease, who is a regular walker and lets me know of any problems he encounters and more recently his help with some new signage put up by a previously notorious landowner directing walkers along the official routes, a positive move indeed!

Thanks to Malcolm's input I am very happy with Ashfield's footpaths and encourage everyone to get out and explore them.

Thank you
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For Ashfield Footpath Group