

## King's Sutton Annual Parish Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Rights of Way Report

The last 12 months gave us a muddy start and finish but a great summer with bone dry fields for nice walking for many weeks.

**AS1.** At Walton Grounds there are two stiles that one has to negotiate to cross the field now that we have been stopped from walking on the surfaced road round the house which until a few years ago everyone used to do. I have asked that these stiles are changed to gates or kissing gates but so far have not been lucky in persuading the owners. It is ironic that in 1998 they were offering the road around the house as a bridleway. But negotiations with the then officials did not work out.

This is the main reason that a **claim** has been submitted to claim a Right of Way along the track opposite the King's Sutton cemetery as far down as footpath AS 11 that crosses it at right angles. Anyone who has walked this path in the past and would like to add their name to the list contact Dave Hall Tel: 811527.

**AS4.** A barbed wire fence has been erected along the path just before the bridge over the stream by the sewage works so confining walkers to the hedge side. Walkers need to be careful especially in wet conditions.

**AS10.** (Leading up to Keeper's Cottage) The start of the path into the fields at the end of Hampton Drive, where Barwood Homes has just started work is closed while Barwoods start their building. Access can be regained at the top end of Marlborough Close, or the North end of Kensington Close. There should be a notice and map at each end of the closure.

**AS32.** The steep Byway, The Portway, beyond Walton Grounds is closed to vehicle traffic until the end of April to let the grass regrow after levelling the deep ruts, but the time could be extended. It has been closed since early last year.

There are a few other bits and bobs that I will looking at later in the year.

Deddington market has a map of its parish showing all the field names.

I started to gather names for King's Sutton parish and had a friend help with the project. Unfortunately he has recently died. So I am looking for an assistant to carry the work on. Any offers?

Finally, as I am well into my retirement I could do with some extra help to keep the 23 miles of paths in the parish in order. It would be as little time as one could spare, at times of your choosing. You can choose just the nice days to go out; a walk in the snow on a sunny day is just as nice as a summer's day. It would involve just reminding landowners/farmers about anything needing doing or reporting to me to pass the message on. Plus maybe a little trimming with secateurs, NOT a heavy lumberjacks job. A lovely fresh air job in lovely countryside. What one might call a Zero Hours job with NO pay even if you do any work but great satisfaction and enjoyment.

David Hall Parish Paths Warden