

Footpath Secretary report 2024/2025

This year has been relatively quiet with regards to footpath issues.

I have kept a eye on South Gloucestershire planning applications for those which affect Rights of Way. There have been no applications which I felt could affect the enjoyment of walkers.

There have been a number of footpath diversion and closure orders circulated for comment. Most have been follow up stages of previous consultations and are not contentious so I have not commented. The most recent informal consultation relates to closure of the footpath, and temporary diversion, which cross the railway line north of Charfield. This is currently an informal consultation and formal consultation will follow. As a result of my professional expertise I do not intend to oppose this order. Should any other Severnside Ramblers wish to object I can let them have the details when they are published.

During the year, the group received several reports of blocked footpaths. I refer people to the South Glos website to formally report these issues as the council have both the information on who the landowner is as well as the power to require the landowner to act. If I continue in this role next year I would like to see if I can set up a group of members who are willing to react at short notice and investigate issues, probably without a full recce.