

Report on WET P3 for Edgmond Annual Parish Meeting

The WET P3 project brings together the Parish Councils for Waters Upton, Edgmond and Tibberton in a three-way partnership with the aim of working together with the Rights of Way Department at Telford & Wrekin Council, landowners and other organisations to maintain, improve and promote access to our rights of way network across our parishes. By building links across parish boundaries, we can help local people explore beyond their own patch.

Resources are tight across all areas of public provision, so we aim to encourage volunteers to help maintain and improve our rights of way network. Whilst many people are familiar with their own patch they may feel uncomfortable exploring a less familiar area – especially if signage is poor. Clear signage is the key to making people feel welcome, so the Rights of Way officer has agreed to provide a supply of wooden fingerposts that will be held in a central location. We can then arrange for volunteers to erect fingerposts where the need is identified and approved.

One small local project under the WET P3 banner was completed over a year ago. To improve access to the route that runs from Marsh Road to the B5072, we requested that a stile and field gate be replaced by a pedestrian gate and kissing gate. This may seem like a small matter – but it makes a massive difference and improves access for everyone.

We have a long way to go, but long-term collaborative working across parish boundaries gives us all a stronger voice and works to build a wider network available to everyone. In the long-term we would like to create mapped routes for walking and cycling across the WET area – but the first job is to ensure that routes are signed and kept clear.

We do need to try to encourage more people to volunteer to help with this sort of work. If you are interested, please talk to anyone on the Parish Council or contact our Clerk.

Cllr Paula Doherty

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