

Footpath Secretary Report for 2023 AGM

The continual stream of diversions from Leicestershire County Council and the district councils have kept the Footpath Committee busy throughout the year. All diversions are shown on the area website.

This year Melton group have had two incidents of intimidation that have warranted being reported to the police. One was with a landowner with whom the Leicester Group have had an issue before. This time it looks like the police are going to prosecute the individual and members of the Melton group will be asked to give evidence.

Whenever intimidation occurs on a Public Right of Way my thoughts are "what if it was a teenager walking along this path?" or "what if it was a mother with children walking the path?". I know I am big enough and ugly enough to stand up to intimidation but not everyone is. Therefore ALL incidents of intimidation by landowners need to be reported.

Having been in this role for a number of years it is time we started to look to the future. This year I have struggled to find the time to get involved as much as I would like. Do you want to get involved with protecting our PROW's? If you do please get on touch with me.

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