

## Maresfield Footpaths Group

Five members are out and about on Wednesday mornings having missed only four or five days in the last year due to bad weather.

The local footpaths within the Parish of Maresfield are regularly maintained with undergrowth being cleared, tree branch growth cut back and stiles and bridges repaired.

A number of the Ashdown forest paths that are within Maresfield Parish have been cleared and improved. Some of these were very heavily overgrown to the point where walkers could only, with difficulty, proceed in single file. This was particularly noticeable on the paths that comprise the Weald Way where a number of new way-markers have been installed and considerable clearance work carried out particularly in the Brown's Brook area where the path was blocked in several places by fallen trees. Access to the paths has now been widened.

During the summer of 2017 the Footpaths Group carried out regular hedging and grass cutting work in the Maresfield Churchyard and car park.

The verge of the Straight Half Mile continues to be maintained and some further planting of bulbs and flower seeds is due to take place in this area.

The next project is to re-establish the Maresfield Parish Millennium Walk. Created 18 years ago and extending to eleven miles through the Parish and on to Ashdown Forest it is now difficult to follow as it is suffering from rotted and missing posts and signs. New way-markers and signing will be installed and clearance carried out where necessary during the summer months.