

## July 2025 Newsletter

### Footpaths – what we do has changed

The Footpath Volunteers' first task, back in May 2017, was clearing brambles and other vegetation obstructing the popular path from Coppice Hill into Dimmel's Dale. Since then, we've developed the theme of making Parish Public Rights of Way easier to use. As well as more cutting back, this has been done by putting many tonnes of type 1 stone on muddy paths, replacing stiles with gates, widening openings for mobility scooters, and painting barriers on playing fields yellow so they can be seen more easily by the visually impaired. We've also repaired safety barriers, created a new, safer exit from Frith Wood car park onto The Frith, developed and used some of the skills of dry-stone walling and published a book of local walks written by a parishioner. Interestingly, over the years we've switched from short one- or two-week tasks to longer ones taking as long as five or six Thursday mornings. Where to next?

### Fighting Speed in the Parish



The Parish Council in conjunction with the Community Speedwatch Group volunteers are adopting a three-pronged approach to reduce speeding in the parish in an effort to make our roads safer for everybody. We have a Vehicle Activated Sign which we can move to six different locations throughout the parish. In addition we have a fixed Auto Speedwatch camera in place by one of our local schools. Last but certainly not least the Speedwatch Community Group get together once a week to record speeds in various locations. New volunteers are welcomed to join the Group. We are still hoping to get a Traffic Regulation Order in place to reduce speed limits at Fourways junction, so please can you advise us on 01453 887204 of any incidents at this junction.

### Save Our Verges

Please can we ask all our parishioners who receive deliveries or have tradespeople at their houses, to kindly ask the company or person to not park on the grass verges. This does irreparable damage.