

The Aspley Guise P3 Group 2024/25 Report

P3 = Parish Pathways Partnership or People, Projects Partnerships “Getting Involved”

Started in 1994 - Inspired by the late Pat Clarke and Mary Jones. “To maintain and aid access to the natural beauty of the Village”

P3 report to Central Bedfordshire Council who provide equipment and training

Our volunteer group currently comprises of 9 members

Over the last year we have:

- Carried out maintenance work to 28 footpaths / bridleways, including 6 work parties on the Jitty
- Installed/repaired 16 Waymark posts
- Installed 5 Steps
- Repaired 1 Notice board
- Repaired 4 Bridges
- Cleared 3 fallen trees
- Repaired 3 fence posts (St Botholphs)
- Repaired 1 Gate
- Repaired 1 picnic table (Recreation Ground)
- Waymarked the new footpath route around NAWT (HULA) animal rescue centre
- Inspected and maintained a section of The Greensands Ridge
- Carried out maintenance work to;
 - Townlands (Including nesting boxes)
 - War Memorial
 - Village Hall Car Park

Aspley Guise P3 have fortnightly work parties of 3 to 4 hours usually on Mondays or Thursdays.

A map of the footpaths in Aspley Guise can be found in the “Enjoy and Explore Aspley Guise” leaflet. We also do odd jobs just outside our borders

Anybody who would like to join or find out more about our group should contact Howard Murphy on 01908 582208 or 07903 254627

CBC’s policy for work that can be carried out by Volunteers has changed recently and we are no longer allowed to install gates, bridges or steps. The same work that we have been satisfactorily carrying out till now in a timely and safe manner.

Consequently, there are several areas that are in urgent need of attention which we would normally have carried out by now.

Namely;

- Mermaid Pond steps.
- Steps up from Woburn Road
- Sleeper bridges at Aspley Lane and Berry Lane
- Woodside Gate (Bedford Estates)

All these areas need materials which CBC will not currently supply