My final report about the footpaths is as follows.

A drinks party was held at Lower Farm in December to thank all those who had assisted with keeping the footpaths open during the summer.  A message of support from the Chairman was read out.  The party was well attended and the Footpath Wardens expressed their readiness to continue with their work for the coming season.

As already reported, an arrangement was made with Chris Brennan to lay planings on the boggy bit of the footpath that runs from the Bruce’s Arms up onto the Downs.  About half of the job was eventually completed in February and the result is a very great improvement.

It has proved to be a bigger task than originally anticipated and Chris Brennan will return to finish the job in May, when further planings become available. Once that is done to our satisfaction, I have said the PC will honour an invoice for £400 from him.  This is considerably less than the work will have cost him and the remainder will be found as benefit in kind from planings that Wiltshire Council will donate to him.   The invoice should be paid from the funds in the PC accounts earmarked for footpaths, which currently stands at £1200.

Christopher Elliott.

Email 30th March 2017